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The Driftwood will resume publishing every Wednesday effective April 3 following a decision this week to discontinue publishing the Barnacle Island Journal. The last issue

of the Barnacle will appear next Tuesday, March 26.



Entertaining the (young)

masses Jim Raddysh sang and amused an ArtSpring audience Saturday, kicking off a week of childfocussed events at

the theatre.

Soccer tourney in the snow

A group of mini soccer players trekked to Victoria Saturday to play blizzard soccer.

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Weather

The possibility of snow continues today, likely changing to rain. Rain is forecast for Friday and Saturday, with the chance of sun on Sunday. Highs to 10 C; lows to -1 C.

PARC numbers questioned

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

At least one Saturday Market in the Park vendor is questioning accounting figures used by Parks and Rec to justify raising vendor fees this year.

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> Wendy Beatty doesn't think a deficit charged to market operation last year is accurate or a reasonable rationale for a 25 per cent fee increase to market ven

dors announced by the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) last month.

Beatty, a member of the Market Advisory Board, plans to address PARC's Monday night meeting on the topic

According to a revenue and expenditures sheet given to the Market Advisory Board, PARC charged costs of \$50,595 to the Market in

the Park last year, while taking in net vendor fees of \$36,590, for a \$13,905 deficit.

However, Beatty questions PARC's figures, which she feels are "so totally out of line it's ludicrous.'

On the income side, PARC estimates 50 day permits will be sold, while Beatty said in the peak months the market is full at 180 vendors, with about 60

of those being seasonal permit holders.

Dave Gibbon, the new parks operations and project manager, said PARC does not have data on how much revenue came from each type of permit last year, only the net bank deposit, but he thinks estimates on vendor numbers have been too high.

The new fees bring a sea-

MARKET 3

Hummers spotted

The hummingbirds have returned.

Two Salt Springers contacted the Driftwood this week, eager to share their hummingbird sight-

The first call came last Thursday morning from Tom Thomas on Main Street, who was enjoying a morning coffee when

HUMMERS 4

Murder charges against Handel

Islanders are offering support to Sonya Handel and her family in the wake of the Quatsino house fire that claimed the lives of her six children last week.

Her husband, 45-year-old Jay Handel, was arrested Friday and charged with six counts of first-degree murder related to the death of their children aged 2-11.

The Handel family previously lived on Salt Spring before moving to northern Vancouver Island eight

"Those people are going through a huge amount; I can barely imagine it," said Delaine Faulkner. "My heart really goes out to them."

Faulkner lived with Jay HANDEL ARREST 3

By SUSAN LUNDY Staff Writer

their own descent into hell.

Kat, a former Victoria street youth.

Street kids' parents:

'horror, heartbreak'

The parents of youths sucked up by street life suffer

"It is an awful thing . . . not knowing if your child is dead,"

"It is heartbreaking," agrees Celia Scott, the mother of

Marilyn was finally reunited with Mark (not his real

name) on Salt Spring last October. She credits Sandie

Ferguson — a local woman who has extensive links

providing their daughter "a refuge" on Salt Spring and help-

Celia and her husband Mike also honour Ferguson for

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says Marilyn, whose son disappeared onto the streets of Ontario seven years ago. "Every day after he left I looked in

the papers in case they had found an unidentified body."

with street kids - for bringing them together.

AROUND SOUND: Youngsters ArtSpring get a lesson in rhythm from Laurent Boucher.



Failing grades for March weather

As the first official day of spring dumped another pile of snow here, Salt Spring's weather keeper has confirmed what many islanders are thinking.

"This is the worst March I've experienced since I've been here," said Robert Aston on Wednesday morning.

Islanders awoke on the spring equinox (Wednesday) to between five and 12 inches of snow, depending where on the island they live.

Without a shadow of a doubt we are seeing a record amount of snowfall for March," says Aston, who has kept records here for the past 26 years. In 1991, March saw a total of 7.5 inches of snow, he said, but already the 2002 version has surpassed nine inches.

This March also gets low points on the temperature scale. Aston said 12 of the first 19 days of the month had overnight lows below freezing. The temperature dipped to -3 C on more than one occasion. The highs are also far below normal, Aston said.

Worst of all, he added, "it's been devastat-

ing to my garden."
While Aston's peas have been up for two weeks, they certainly aren't growing now.

Census: population up by 30?

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

Those seemingly bizarre Salt Spring census numbers reported last week were not a mistake.

According to census 2001 results released March 12, Salt Spring's population grew by only 30 people from 9,279 to 9,249 -

between the 1996 and 2001 census dates, a mere .3 per cent increase. At the same time, the census counted almost 900 more dwellings, at 4,913.

The previous census, in 1996, recorded a Salt Spring population jump of 1,376 people, or 17.5 per

Glen Scott, a Statistics Canada communications officer, said there was no way "at this point in time" to determine if results were skewed by a low rate of census form return.

"It won't be done for a year and a half or so," he said. "There's all kinds of CENSUS 4

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PARENTS RECALL HORROR Poet takes second

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ing her find a path off the streets

As Marilyn sits in the warm, spacious kitchen of Ferguson's Robinson Road home, the tears that have been with her for the past seven years surface frequently while she describes the steps that took her deeper and deeper into the nightmare of losing a child to the streets.

"It could happen to anyone," says Marilyn. "I always thought kids were on the street because of abuse. But my kids had rules, it was a well-run



Sandie Ferguson

The world began to fall apart for Marilyn a year after she and her husband divorced.

A real estate agent with two teenage sons, she worked to hold her family together, but soon began losing an ongoing battle with depression and other ailments.

Eventually confined by fibrmyalgia to a wheelchair, and suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome as well as a spinal problem, she was unable to work, and barely able to get up in the morning.

"I spent about a year trying to cope and eventually I couldn't cope," she says.

Prompted by an inability to find affordable housing, she decided to to return to university and live on campus in a wheelchair-accessible townhouse. She asked Mark to move with her, but he wanted to get a job and live on his own.

"I gave him one final chance - I had to get a housemate and once I had one, I couldn't take him back. But he wouldn't come," she recalls. "That night moving was the worst night of my life . . . I dropped Mark off at a shelter. I will never forget watching him walk into that shelter . . . I have never been able to get that image out of my mind. I cried every day for years."

When Marilyn won a scholarship sometime later, she took the money she was supposed to use for school and set Mark up in an apart-

Things went smoothly for two months until she got a middle-of-the- night call from police. Mark had stolen his landlord's car and damaged it. She ended up paying \$2,000 for it, using up all her school resources.

Then came another apartment, another school and another landlady kicking Mark out.

"He just went back on the streets. I had no money left for him - I was just about at the point of not making it myself."

Then Mark missed a court appearance because he couldn't afford to get from Brampton to Toronto. He subsequently believed he was "on the run" and his phone calls home became less frequent.

"Then I didn't hear from

him again . . . I didn't know where he was. I was sick and couldn't do what Sandie did (go into the streets after him), although my older son went looking for him."

When Mark finally called again about a year later, he had lived on the streets in Toronto and Vancouver as well as in the bush up north. He wore only a light jacket and T-shirt. Occasionally he would show up at Marilyn's home and stay for a night or two.

"He slept with his clothes on and a knife in his boot. It was horrible to think what he had been through to make him be like that.'

Marilyn hadn't seen or heard from her son for months when Ferguson contacted her, indicating she had met Mark and knew of his whereabouts.

"I finally had a phone number for him," Marilyn says. "I talked to Sandie and she kept me alive . . . she told me she knew where he was."

In the conversation, Sandie told Marilyn two things.

"She said Mark always knew that I loved him, and that if I hadn't raised him to be his own person, he wouldn't have survived on the streets."

Marilyn hadn't seen her son for four years when they finally connected last fall on Salt Spring, where he is now living, working and making his way back into the mainstream.

"I came here to try and resolve my feelings . . . and stop the terror. I wanted to be with him; see him in person and thank Sandie.'

Like Sandie, whose daughter Danielle ran away from Salt Spring to the streets of Victoria and Vancouver, Marilyn was shocked that a child of hers could wind up on the streets.

"I was strong and indepen-dent. I did well. I didn't expect to get sick and I didn't expect to have my kid on the streets."

Central Saanich residents Mike and Celia Scott also did not envision themselves as parents of a street kid. But looking back now, they can see the steps that took Kat away from them.

At the time his daughter began experimenting with street life, Mike says, he was "immersed in his (construction) business and was not sensitive to her needs."

Celia was reeling from the double loss of her mother and brother within a month of each other. Then her father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Kat, always a "strong-willed" child, rebelled against her parents and started experimenting

with alcohol and drugs.
"I was full of anger," Mike recalls. "I couldn't handle it . . I didn't know how to deal with Celia's loss or Katherine's rebellion."

And although the family underwent counselling, Kat finally dropped out of school at the start of Grade 12 and slowly drifted between living at home and on the streets.

"Four or five weeks would go by and we wouldn't hear from her," Celia recalls. "There are times we didn't know if we'd see her alive again.'

And when she did drop by, sometimes stealing from family members, or call home high on drugs, often pleading for money, it became necessary "to balance the emotional energies between her and

the rest of the family."

Then Kat began talking about Ferguson's house on Salt Spring, where she could work on the property and get fed.

"She liked the open spaces, being out in God's creation, helping out, gardening . . . It was a refuge and having a refuge helped.'

The Scotts experienced several organizations set up to help street kids - some of them very positive - but they believe the non-institutional atmosphere of Ferguson's home appeals to the street youth.

"A lot of organizations have to meet a heavy list of criteria to get funding and they become somewhat institutional," Mike says. "But with Sandie it was different. And Kat knew she believed in her."

Now 25, married and a mother, Kat is living on her parent's property and "has it all together.'

In the meantime, Sandie thinks it is "part of our times" to want to hold parents accountable for their children's actions. Yet during the years she was taken onto the streets, she found many kids there through no fault of their parents. Street kids come from myriad backgrounds and familial situations.

"I have had kids through my house from all across Canada and the United States, even Cuba . . . children of prostitutes, children whose mother is a surgeon, or dad is an oil

"I have completely let go of blame of parents. I have stopped judging and just support."

And for Marilyn and the Scotts, the loss of a child to the streets has been an education in itself.

The Scotts agree they are not the same people they were before Kat's journey into street life. And most important, Mike says, he has learned to "never ever give up on your kids."

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ented Natalya Alonso has demonstrated she can more just than win medals

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competitions. After a gold medal finish at the B.C. Winter Games in February, the 11-yearold Salt Spring Island Middle School student followed up with a second prize in a national poetry

Alonso

The athletic poet will be published in the Poetry Institute of Canada anthology called Fireworks and Shooting Stars. She also won \$50 for her writing.

Alonso wrote One Little Girl's Dream in Judy Raddysh's Fulford Elementary School Grade 5 class last year.

Her poem portrays the media influences of "perfect people" on the selfesteem of young women and the resulting problems such as eating disorders.

"Sometimes magazines, TV and movies influence people," she said.

"It's a bad thing because people feel bad about themselves and it makes

them want to change. It could even lead them to anorexia." Alonso said she plans to

spend her poetry contest winnings on a shopping spree for new clothing.



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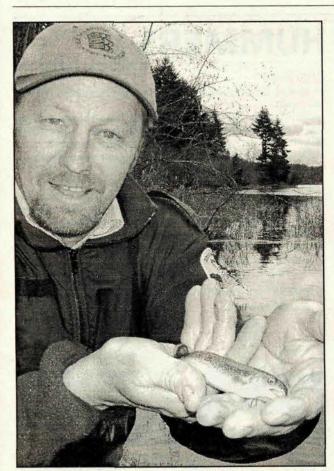
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NO FISH TALE: Tony Massy, of Vancouver Island Hatchery, was on hand at St. Mary Lake last Friday to release 7,000 cutthroat trout into the water.

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Port Hardy, B.C., VON 2P0).

set up for Sonya Handel.

Donations to the Sonya

Handel Trust Fund can be

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HANDEL ARREST

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Handel between 1977 and 1989.

She met Handel after she graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School and the two lived together on and off over 13 years.

"My take on him was that he was a capable, intelligent person who was strongly opinionated," she said.

Handel moved to Salt Spring somewhere around 1975 or 1976, she said.

Previously employed as a postal worker in Vancouver, Handel worked as a freight driver, logging surveyor, bartender, bouncer, sawmill worker and fisherman on the island.

He was born in Cornwall, Ontario after his family emigrated from Germany, she said.

Faulkner couldn't imagine the man she knew committing such a violent act of murder against his own children.

"It's mind-boggling," she said.

When asked if she ever felt in danger around Handel, Faulkner paused and thought carefully. "That's so long ago it doesn't have a bearing."

She expressed concern for Sonya Handel and her family, which includes sisters Janet and Laurie Larson who live on Salt Spring.

It's believed that Janet and Laurie Larson are offering support for Sonya Handel in the Port Hardy area along with their parents, Richard and Vera Larson, who were also long-time Salt Spring residents.

"I believe Sonya needs all the support we can give," said family friend Rob Cannon.

"I encourage Salt Spring Islanders, whether you know her personally or not, to send cards of support to let her know that we are here sharing her grief."

The Port Hardy Hospital has indicated they will relay cards to Sonya Handel (Port Hardy Hospital, Box 790,

MARKET: Costs scrutinized

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sonal permit to \$150 (from \$120), and a daily permit to \$5 from \$4, with a \$1.25 per lineal foot charge also applied (up from \$1).

Despite the 25 per cent increase, PARC estimates bringing in only \$1,160 more in revenue from the market this year — \$37,750.

Gibbon said an acrossthe-board 25 per cent increase is not anticipated because day-permit vendors don't show up all of the

Beatty questions a number of expenditure amounts charged to the market last year, including \$5,250 in janitorial, operating and market supplies, which is more than PARC's budget in those categories for Centennial Park. In several areas the market is being charged for all of Centennial's costs, she said.

At the same time, she said, costs for maintaining and storing the market's only asset, a washcart, are not accounted for.

Some \$40,000 in PARC staff and market monitor salaries were spent on the market last year, with about the same amount budgeted this year. Covering 30 days of market operation, "That's over \$1,000 a day," she said.

For PARC chair Bill Curtin, the fee increase and attribution of Centennial Park maintenance costs to the Market in the Park brings some reality to what the market costs PARC.

He said the commission believes most of the \$80,000 in "hard costs" for Centennial Park maintainance, which are incurred not only on Saturdays, can be attributed to use of the park for the market.

Most of the wear and tear, toilet flushing and garbage accumulation occurs on those high-traffic days, and pressure to make the park look as pristine as possible is related to the Market in the Park.

Curtin said until new accounting procedures were recently adopted, it was difficult to know exactly how much it cost to maintain each park. "The cost system that existed in the past was not able to give us the hard, detailed information that we needed to make really good decisions in this area," he said, "but we do know that

we are behind and it is costing more and there's the principle of tax dollars not supporting private industry... we want it to be fair and

supporting private industry .
. we want it to be fair and reasonable."

Curtin said agreement on

curtin said agreement on the fee increases was reached at a March 14 Market Advisory Group, which includes representation from vendors, craft guilds, market staff, PARC, Chamber of Commerce, Community Arts Council and Island Natural Growers.

Both Curtin and Gibbon said the new accounting system should tell a better tale by next year.

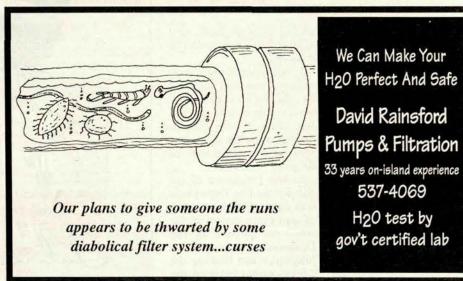
"If we've made a terrible error and we've made too much money we'll put it back into the park," said Curtin.

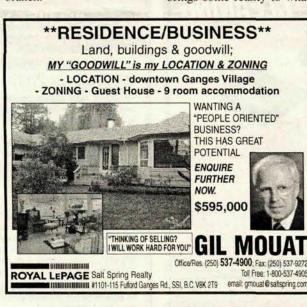
The Monday night PARC meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Portlock Park portable.



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Salt Spring urged to beat Fort St. John

Salt Spring's purchasing power is being called upon by the Ganges Liquor Store which has been receiving taunting faxes from its Fort St. John counterpart.

Salt Spring's liquor store is currently second in the province for bookmark sales, surpassed only by the Fort St.

The bookmarks are part of a province-wide fundraiser which contributes to dry grad celebrations at local high

Last year, the Ganges Liquor Store sold 2,750 of the \$1

bookmarks, with the total amount directed to Gulf Islands Secondary School's dry grad event.

The store has exceeded that amount this year, selling 2,900, and sales continue until the end of March.

But in Fort St. John — with an estimated population of 16,000 — some 3,300 bookmarks have crossed the counter.

They keep sending us faxes lauding it over us," noted liquor store employee Jim Black.

The store is therefore urging islanders to get out their

loonies to purchase the bookmarks.

GISS exam results top B.C. average

By TRISTIN MORTON and MEGAN CARON **GISS Work**

Experience Students

Provincial exam results for the first school semester helped give Grade 12 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) the highest average final marks in B.C. in several subjects areas.

"The kids did incredibly well," said GISS principal Nancy Macdonald last week. "Really great right across the board.'

Most exam results were above the provincial average and in some cases were four, six and even 10 per cent above average. Also significant is that 50 per cent fewer students failed than last year.

For the English 12 exam, GISS's average was 75.78 per cent while the rest of the province averaged 69.11 per cent. No GISS students failed the English test.

In History 12 the average was 75.85 per cent compared to the province's 70.53 per cent. Chemistry 12 results were 75.95 per cent 71.79 per cent, Communications 12 exam writers received 75.35 per cent to 68.58 per cent and again no one failed. Biology 12 students scored 72.46 per cent to 66.1 per cent province-wide and in Mathematics 12 they received 78.66 per cent more than 10 per cent above the 68.43 per cent provincial average.

Several GISS students earned high As and Bs on their exams. In History 12, 43 per cent obtained As while 42 per cent achieved As in Math 12.

As previously reported in the Driftwood, Adrian Leitch scored 100 per cent on his Math 12 exam.

Students who earned more than 90 per cent overall were Leitch, Tegan Adams, Andra Bergsma, Gwyneth Brogan, Tyler Cocker, Gisele Contant, Charlotte Curtis, Adam Davies, April Goebl, Ayla Klein-Stimpson, Dylan Logan-Webb, Dominic John-Michael Martin. McColl, Kadek Okuda, Meaghan Redpath, Melanie Richards, Geoff Roop, Keely Roscoe, Tristan Sharp and Naomi Tweddle.

Many other students received high marks in the

School trustee Judith Boel, who also chairs the board's community relations committee, points out the GISS students' achievement is even more pronounced when the number of A and B-grades is tallied. Depending on the subject, between seven and 17 per cent more Grade 12 students at GISS earned A or B marks than the provincial average.

Boel also put some perspective on the figures.

"Clearly some school districts with different demographics, such as students in inner-city schools and indigenous and ESL populations can't have their successes reflected by these provincial averages. However, I feel we can still take pride that this is one of many indicators of how we are keeping on track with our goals for educating the whole student to become a well-rounded and competent citizen."

GISS students claimed the top spot among both public and private schools.

Provincial exams are written in core Grade 12 subjects twice a year.

HUMMERS

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he spotted the hummingbird at one of four feeders he put out last month.

"He's a super little character," Thomas said, recognizing the bird as one of his regulars. "He sits on the foot rest in the feeders and when he puts his head forward, his feathers come up.

Thomas said he and his partner Valerie Perry named the hummingbird Quasimoto last year.

Jean Brouard spotted his first hummingbird on Sunday.

'I have just sighted our first returning rufous hummer," he wrote in an e-mail to the Driftwood. "It is an adult male. I heard it a few times while it was feeding on salmonberry blossoms.

As Brouard points out, a hummer spotted earlier this year on Salt Spring was most likely a resident Anna's hummingbird.





CENSUS: Correct figures?

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quality control and record checks that need to be done."

"It's hard to speculate on one area and it's hard to speculate at this time at all."

B.C. did have the highest return rate among the provinces, he said.

One factor that could partially explain the population to dwelling discrepancy is the change of a dwelling definition for the 2001 count.

Scott said one criteria access to a year-round source of drinking water — was eliminated in the definition. That meant more cottages and seasonal-type dwellings were included this time.

Scott added that slower growth in B.C. and Canada was also a marked trend of the 2001 census.

Kellie Booth, the island's regional director to the Capital Regional District (CRD), said the CRD has also confirmed the 9,279 population figure as being the one released by Statistics Canada, while noting it is

hard to believe. She pointed out that census figures set the amount of per capita funding the community receives from the

provincial government, so it is important for people to be counted.

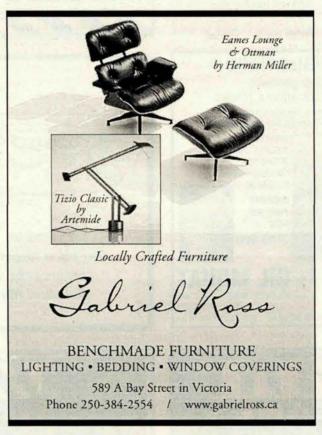
Lynda Traer, Ganges postmistress, was also surprised by the figures based on observed growth in the past five years, but she noted a number of people do receive mail for only six months of the year.

Erling Jorgensen of the Salt Spring Fire Department was digging up the number of addresses issued in the five-year period as the Driftwood went to press. He laughed when hearing the census count boosted the island's population by only

Scott said determining why a form is not returned can be difficult, and it's been a concern in Whistler where many dwellings are used for part-time accommodation only

"You just never know when you leave a form at the door. . . are they not wanting to fill it in or are they an absentee owner?"

Across the country in 1996 an estimated 2.6 per cent of the population was missed, Scott said.



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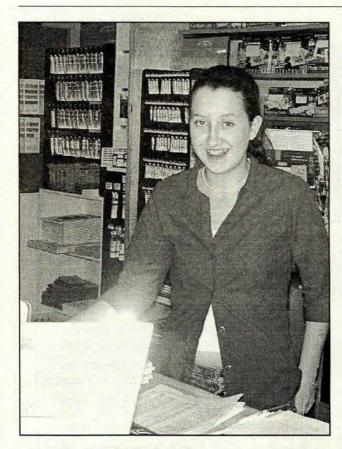
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BOOK WORK: Samantha Dean organizes books at Salt Spring Books for her Grade 10 work experience.

Assessments set to undergo review

Channel Ridge residents who appealed property assessment increases have earned at least a one-year reprieve.

Before the hearing set for March 5, the appellants received a letter from B.C. Assessment advising that their land assessments would remain unchanged from the previous year pending a thorough review of the area's properties.

A number of Channel Ridge property owners had received unusually high increases on the land portion of their assessed property value.

Another segment of Channel Ridge owners, which had the building portion of their 2002 assessments hiked after the first group filed an appeal, also saw a return to the 2001 amounts.

"It has recently come to my attention that a number of inequities exist with the 2002 assessments for Channel Ridge," wrote area assessor Dave Hitchcock in the letter.

"In order to ensure that these assessments are fair and accurate it will be necessary to carry out a thorough review during 2002 in preparation for the 2003 Assessment Roll."

Some south-end waterfront property owners were not as lucky this time around, however.

Menhinick Drive resident Bob Holt reported that the Property Assessment Review Panel did not accept the position of himself and neighbours that their 10 properties were valued at approximately \$50,000 too high relative to comparable others on the water in the Reginald Hill and Morningside areas.

The residents were told that their properties "were probably worth more than we thought," he said.

Students delve into work world

By MEGAN CARON and TRISTIN MORTON GISS Work

Experience Students

For five days last week, Tristin Morton and Megan Caron worked with the Driftwood for their Grade 10 work experience.

The program is designed to give grade 10 students the opportunity to experience the work world. During those days Morton and Caron have worked with Tony Richards, Mitchell Sherrin, Gail Sjuberg, Derrick and Susan Lundy and the rest of the staff.

Their assignments have been Salt Spring Says, Down the Years, interviewing GISS principal Nancy Macdonald and writing a story, and taking the occasional picture or two. Before spending a week at the Driftwood, Morton and Caron had very little experience with cameras and journalism, but with the help of the staff they learned a great deal about newspaper production.

Morton enjoys writing stories and wanted to combine her talents such as art and writing and try her hand at photographic journalism. She also wanted to use the photography by drawing from her own pictures. She hopes that from this experience she will be able to expand on her skills and develop an ability to write for business purposes and other needs in general.

"I know that I will use what I have learned in the future," said Morton. "I feel that from this week I could look at photographic journalism as a possible career opportunity and am keen to develop my new interest."

"I would like to thank the Driftwood for giving me the opportunity to learn about photographic journalism," said Caron.

Even before spending time at the Driftwood, Caron knew she was interested in photography and journalism.

Although she was at first uncertain about her ability to write for an audience, she



Tristan Morton



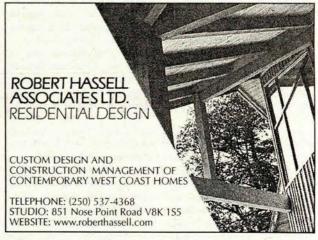
Megan Caron

decided to push forward anyway and give it a try. Through what Caron has learned and experienced so far, her interest in photographic journalism has grown and she sees it as an opportunity to help her with a future career.

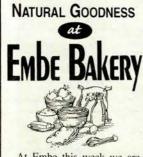
Morton and Caron plan to use the information they have received to their greatest advantage.

"We would like to thank Maggie Allison from Gulf Islands Secondary School counselling office, and the staff of the Driftwood for their encouragement and support," said Morton and Caron. "We also hope that the other grade 10s enjoyed their work experience as much as we did."









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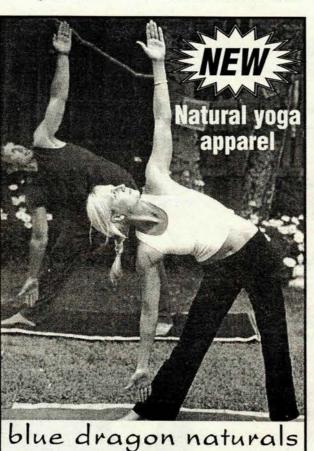
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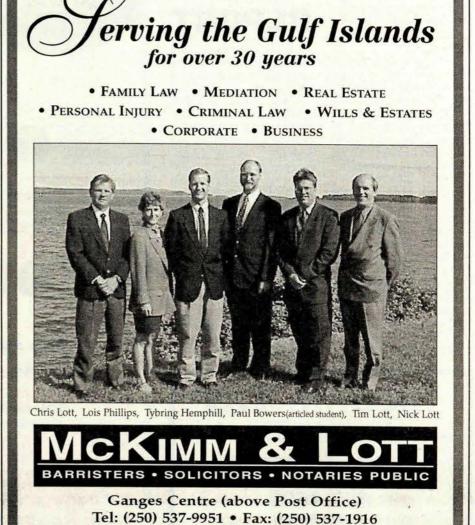
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Public looks at Burgoyne possibilities

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

If meeting numbers are any indication, islanders are as interested in the future of the lands purchased from Texada Land Corporation as they were in saving them from clearcutting.

A standing-room-only crowd came to the high school multi-purpose room last Thursday night to hear updates on the lands' status and express visions for how they might be used.

Maintaining kayakers' access to a traditional camping spot, using some former Camp Narnia land for community organic gardening, establishing a model eco-village for young families, maintaining existing trails, building a bike path and having a kids' camp area were among suggestions raised by the public. Finding "110 X 65 yards" for a soccer field was also requested.

Chris Kissinger of the former B.C. Parks department called the now Environmental Stewardship Division of the Ministry of

Sea Capers gets help

from local Lions Club

The Salt Spring Lions Club has made a three-year commit-

"We felt it was something the community would like to see

Along with fellow coordinators Vicki Johnson and Stan Sage,

Winsor hopes to revitalize the island's welcome-to-summer tra-

dition that has sometimes struggled over the years due to organi-

"We're hoping to help make the community far more aware of

Sea Capers is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16. Along with other events, there will be a Lions salmon barbe-

ment to help organize the Sea Capers festival.

resurrected," said coordinator Barry Winsor.

events over the two days," Winsor said.

zational difficulties

cue this year, Winsor said.

Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP) fielded most of the questions and input.

He said his department and Capital Regional District Parks, which also bought some of the land, would work together to create a park plan "background document" over the next one to two years. At present there is no money for any park development activity besides installing some basic signs.

Kissinger asked that a stewardship group be formed so communication with his agency can be streamlined, and emphasized that islanders would be relied on to be stewards of the lands.

"We're the guys who have the legal responsibility [for the parklands] . . . you have the horsepower."

"Responsible use" was a key phrase in Kissinger's presentation.

When asked how a dogson-leash rule could be enforced, he said, "My answer to that is 'responsible use.' If you're looking for the police or park ranger to

show up, it ain't going to happen.

Jeff Ward of CRD Parks said no facilities would be installed on the CRD parcels, and that he would like to expand on the volunteer warden model already in use for the CRD's Mill Farm regional park.

Salt Spring's Trail and Nature Club also provides volunteer steward services to existing island parks, said club president Simon Rook.

Kissinger explained that the 282 hectares (700 acres) bought by the Nature Trust of B.C. had been leased back to MWLAP as an ecological reserve, which restricts human access.

Gary Holman of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy expressed support for that position, while members of Island Paddlers asked for continued use of a picnic and camping spot on the Nature Trust lands.

Waterworks general manager Trevor Hutton said organized groups are welcome to hike on the Mount Maxwell's newly protected watershed lands if the waterworks office is contacted

Restrictive covenants have already been registered on the property, he said.

Elizabeth White of the Salt Spring Appeal, and Harry Warner of the Save Salt Spring Society said conservation buyers for various Texada-owned parcels were still needed and some lots could be leased back to the community.

Phil Vernon and Marilyn Marshall asked that First Nations people be invited to participate in discussions about future use of the

Jill Thomas chaired the meeting, and invited people to drop off their written input, including specific areas of interest concerning the parklands, to the Tree House Cafe in Ganges.

Bill Harrington and Patricia Lockie have also agreed to be contact people at 537-1116 or harloc@saltspring.com.

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More information about the festival will be available over the next few months Anyone wanting to help with planning can contact Johnson, Sage or Winsor care of the Lions Club. Driver strikes pole Salt Spring RCMP attend-RCMP ed the scene of a single motor-vehicle accident in the 1100 block of Fulford-

Ganges Road Monday morning. A 63-year-old female driver lost control of her 1991 Honda in slippery snowfall conditions and struck a telephone pole. The driver was uninjured but the

moderate damage and the telephone pole was broken. In other police news:

vehicle was towed with

- Three drivers male aged 27, 29 and 56 received 24-hour driving prohibitions after police checked a number of vehicles in the Fulford Inn area 1:15 a.m. Sunday.
- · A local minor received a \$58 ticket for unlawful possession of liquor after he was seen exiting the Cold Beer and Wine Store Saturday evening.

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Liquor was taken from several other youths in the same vehicle and poured out at the scene.

- · An 18-year-old Salt Spring man driving a 1986 Cadillac Eldorado was charged with speeding and operating a vehicle contrary to restrictions at 1 a.m. Friday to net fines totalling \$201 Further investigation resulted in a 12-month driving prohibition for the island
- · After receiving complaints of engine revving and tire squealing on March 14, police stopped the 26year-old driver of a 1981 Mercury Capri.

The Salt Spring male was issued a \$115 ticket for driving without a licence.

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Rezoning raises estuary concerns

Opponents of a rezoning proposal on McFadden Creek shoreline are mobilizing for upcoming Islands Trust meetings.

Concerned citizens got together Sunday to discuss their plans and will make a presentation to Islands Trust Council at ArtSpring next week

At issue is a proposal by Limberis Seafoods, Ladysmith-based shellfish harvesting company, to shift the area of its existing Crown lease into the McFadden Creek estuary. A rezoning of the shoreline by the Islands Trust is also required.

Because the area is a traditional feeding ground for the great blue herons and close to the McFadden Creek heronry, neighbours and others want to see less rather than more shellfish harvesting done there.

Area resident Macaulay said the proposal amounts to a downzoning of a designated environmentally sensitive region.

The herons abandoned their nests last year and have not yet returned, with more estuary activity possibly prolonging their absence, said Macaulay

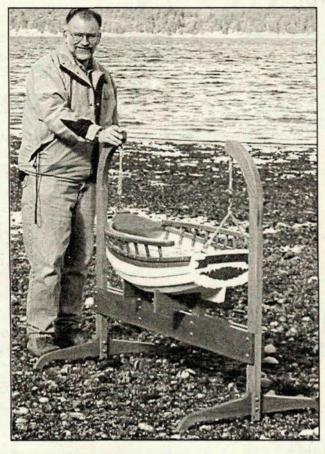
John Gauld, Trust regional planning coordinator, said the rezoning bylaw (#375) will likely go to public hearing in May.

He stressed that sending the proposal to a public hearing does not indicate Trust endorsement of the

"The Advisory Planning Commission recommended refusal [of the application], but the Trust committee feels it is a complex-enough issue that it wants a full public hearing," said Gauld. "In doing so they are not suggesting support or non-support for the application. They are just saying 'let's hear everybody's views on

If rezoned, the shellfish harvesting area would be changed and enlarged, but with more restrictions on the activities.





SAILING AWAY? Jim Helset is seen with a cradle, called Salty Babe, which he built for his and Carol Helset's soon-to-be grandchild. The photo was taken last week just before Salty Babe was shipped off to Calgary.

Internet services set at government office

Lack of home internet access on Salt Spring no longer means being out of the government services loop.

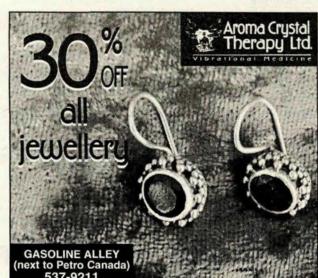
A "community access terminal" is now up and running at the Government Agent's office on Lower Ganges Road.

Government agent Herb Burnett said anyone can use the terminal for free access to provincial and federal government services, acts, regulations and forms.

Documents can also be printed, although there is a 25cents per page charge after the first five pages.

The terminal is not available for general internet surfing or

Office hours for the Government Agent's office are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.





FIRE CALLS

Department attended four chimney fires over the week-

"You'd figure people that rely on these for heat would take care of them," said fire chief Dave Enfield.

While all four chimney fires were put out without any injuries or major damage, Enfield said one chimney had previously damaged mortar that could have led to a serious house fire.

"Damaged mortar allows a chance for smoke and sparks to get into the attic and before you know it the roof is burned off."

The fire chief recommends cleaning chimneys at least once per year.

On a positive note, the fire department reported few calls to respond to vehicle difficulties after recent snowfalls.

"It shows people are driving responsibly during the snow," Enfield said.

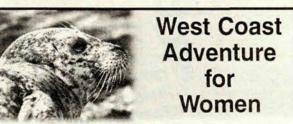
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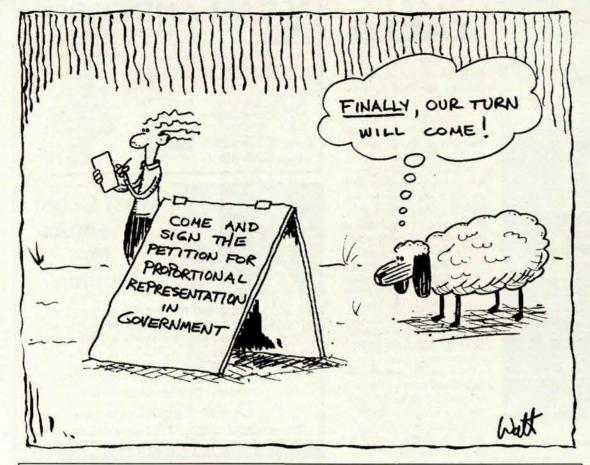
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Building a better ferry service

slanders ought to be somewhat reassured about future changes to I the ferry system as a result of comments made to this newspaper on Friday by the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries. Judith Reid gave the very welcome statement that recommendations contained within the Wright Report would not form the basis of a revamped ferry service.

Commissioned last year by the provincial government, the report offered a good starting point for discussion on the future of coastal transportation. It made some interesting proposals with respect to privatization and fixed links and made some useful observations on governance and ferry corporation operations. But it was not the last word on the subject.

Nor is the Islands Trust's response to the same report.

The Trust reasserts the point that islanders have been making for years, that B.C. Ferries provides a vital transportation link for many thousands of people and is therefore an integral part of the province's transportation system. The government is urged, quite rightly, to fund the system accordingly.

The Trust also suggests saving money by revisiting the free-travel policy for ferry employees and VIPs, and reducing management and administration costs.

But in advocating an examination of the service on a system-wide rather than a route-by-route basis the Trust ignores other potential savings. One significant area — identified in the Wright Report — is the inflexibility of a union contract that requires ferries to operate when traffic demands are low.

Another possibility that must be examined is some form of privatization, despite the uncalled-for horror with which the word is regarded by public sector unions. Privatizing parts of the ferry service might be completely without merit, but it does merit consideration.

Considering all the options is part of the current core review process, under the auspices of a task force within government. But another Trust recommendation is a good one: that stakeholder groups such as ferry advisory committees and the Coastal Council be included in the discussion. Islanders should be engaged in the process of finding better ways to deliver ferry service.

Letters to the Editor

Contradictions

I freely confess that I don't understand the Americans.

Undoubtedly the richest nation on earth and yet - they have a combined consumer debt of six trillion dollars and some 30 million citizens are living in poverty.

They have the most expensive medical system anywhere and yet -45 million people have no health insurance at all.

They have a vaunted educational system and yet - their literacy rate is lower than that of Cuba

They are fond of declaring war and so some years ago they declared war on drugs and yet they are the biggest single market for drugs and drugs seem to enter the country almost with impunity.

They sing of "the land of the free" and yet they have a prison population of two million, more per capita than any major nation, and they are not free to visit Cuba for any reason lest they face a fine of \$50,000 or more - and that's not freedom.

Because some terrorists entered the country over the Canadian border they blame Canada for poor border control and yet - TV shows illegal Chinese immigrants living and working in sweat-shop conditions in New

(It seems they can photograph them but they can't catch them!) Also, they have seven million illegal immigrants in the U.S., mostly from Latin America — and virtually none of those crossed the Canadian bor-

And now, as a result of the horrendous attacks of September 11, they have declared war on terrorism and yet - the U.S. is undoubtedly the most terrorist-active nation in the world, having dropped bombs and missiles in 19 countries, killing hundreds of thousands of people since World War II. Even now they maintain a school for terrorists in the state of Georgia, graduates of which are some of the notorious terrorists of Latin America.

They have built almost a subculture of the terrorist attack on New York and yet, to put it in perspective, about three thousand people were

The U.S., by gunfire alone, kills 10 times that many — 30 thousand of their people, each and every year, seemingly without a qualm.

Does the willingness to see their own people killed indicate a willingness to kill other people around the

sychiatrist could answer that ques-The events of September 11 result-

Perhaps only a psychologist or a

ed in the sharply increased sales of two items - guns and Bibles. "Praise the Lord and pass the

ammunition!" As I said, I don't understand

Americans and I wonder how well they understand themselves.

ART MORTON, Stewart Road

Policy

The Driftwood publishes all letters it receives, as long as the writer's name is clear and a telephone contact number is included. The exceptions are those which may be libelous, in bad taste or describe incidents involving other people which, to be fair, should allow both sides to be aired in a news story. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length; View Points must be approximately 575 words; and In Depth pieces up to 800 words.

What happens to children when no one hears their voices?

By SANDIE FERGUSON

Why am I telling my story? Why are kids on the streets? Why do they stay out there? Why are they dying? But Sandie, I heard they are there for a lark.

I'd like to say thank-you to Susan and Mitchell, who have been working on the series, for their effort and willingness to allow this extremely complex and worthwhile story to come forward. I've spent nearly seven years with youth from the streets. The youth that "brought me out" to help me connect with my daughter "broke code" in doing so. Telling their story authentically is my way to help pay my debt to them. Inspiring individuals and community is how I am trying to manifest change. Strong community overcomes beautifully what bureaucracy can't touch.

The complexity of the situation on the streets is often not fully understood by others. The results

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can be significant, often devastating. In my attempt to create awareness, I believe last week's part three of the series provided a fabulous opportunity to do so.

But I am concerned with possible ramifications of the story, which stemmed from interviews at a gathering held here in December.

I'd like to apologize to Molly and Jen for calling them 'twinkies". It wasn't my intention to label anyone, and I value their input. I tried to use a street term to illustrate a very real issue facing street people: public perception. Most of the youth that have been at my house have spent between four and 12 years on the streets. It is that segment of the population out there I was plan-

ommon portrayal is a good place to start.

Parts of the story falsely glorify the ease of street life for kids which could encourage youth at risk to try it out. It calls a young teen a "veteran" giving him a badge he can't handle — this could get him beat up on the streets and might encourage him on his path.

It could discourage people who contribute to church funds for kids and youth that genuinely need the help - because of words said by youth that are able to go home; it could change the perception of what my house has actually represented into something far less substantial; calls the streets a social event which could bring out public rage against youth out there - again affecting negatively the ones that have genuine needs.

It also shows little representation of anyone who has actually not conveying what we have already accomplished, and stresses spirituality, in a way that may be misinterpreted into some sort of occult type community — definitely not what we want.

It is important to clearly illustrate the difference between those youth that are on the streets because they view they have no choice and those that choose to be there and why. With this knowledge, we can find effective ways for the youth to be heard, and enlist their help in solutions. Why are they there? Trauma, lost dreams, breached trust, lack of support and a sense of hopelessness. Drugs and alcohol fill the hole created by these. There is a vested interest by some adults that make huge profits from the exploitation of these youth in them being where they are. Whom do youth tell when something is terribly wrong and that something represents flaws in the system or

ning to address. I realize this spent time at my house, therefore someone else's dream for them? Open dialogue is essentia

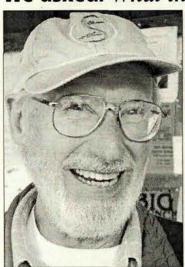
It is my hope to clarify misunderstanding and increase knowlege and awareness with this letter. Thanks to the great job being done on this series, I've been receiving letters in the mail, handshakes in public.

I am encouraging youth to respond with letters to the editor with answers to the above questions. I am doing this to help create awareness, empower youth, inspire teamwork and community, neighborliness and compassion: not fear and judgment. I'm trying to give youth, children a very public voice. I believe youth hold the keys to our future and they need proportional representation. The ones that are falling or have fallen, and those that don't "fit" or "accept" the norm, need to be heard. They are our

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What inspires you?



Jorihim Buttner The happy smile and charm of Our home and garden. the interviewer and photogra-

pher Megan and Tristin.





Travis Guedes Jesus inspires me.



Patti Stubbs



Phil Gregson

Life in general; happy faces; My kids do! my family.

Letters to the Editor

Reactions

The recent death of the six Handel children in Quatsino has stunned many islanders.

For islanders who knew their parents, Sonya and Jay, or other family members living on Salt Spring, the shock of recent events is a very painful and difficult experience. No one expects something like this to happen, nor are they ever really prepared for it.

The nature of the death of the children shakes the foundations of our beliefs about safety and trust. Because this situation goes so far outside our realm of understanding, it provokes reactions that feel strange and "crazy."

Perhaps the most helpful thing to say here is that even though these reactions are unusual and disturbing, they are typical and expected. Recent news stories and television images of the devastated home may raise a number of questions. How can this happen? Why? Could I have helped to prevent it in some way?

Some feelings you might expect to have are shock and sorrow. Others might surprise and confuse

A wide range of emotional responses may also be experienced denial, anger, guilt, sadness, loneliness, panic, fear, stress and confusion. Altogether these are the feelings of grief and very common reactions.

If you are having problems coming to terms with these tragic deaths, there is help available if you need it. Do not hesitate to ask for it. For more information, please contact the Salt Spring RCMP Victim Assistance Program at 537-

KIMBERLY LINEGER, SS Victim Assistance Program

Find solution

The following is a follow-up to a call for suggestions on the ship's hull breakwater at Ganges Marina. Here is my own suggestion.

It is important that there be a resolution to the barge issue. First, we are not a third world country and do not deserve an unaltered barge to serve as a breakwater.

Secondly, fuel must be assured for the continued operation of Coast Guard, water taxis, fish, pleasure and commercial craft. Island emergency ambulance service and movement of students to and from southern islands is also

The Trust cannot issue permits on water not under the control of the owner.

It is evident that the Trust has left the door open to proposals by the owners of the marina. There is a development permit opportunity to work with islanders towards a solution. The owners should begin discussions now.

There is much to discuss as many imaginative proposals have been put forth. B.C. universities have developed an environmentally friendly breakwater that is attractive, allows flushing and doubles as

Ideally, such a breakwater could

be used in place of the barge if suited to our wave action. The longterm future may require a more comprehensive breakwater encompassing a larger part of the harbour.

Possibly this should be an early item on the agenda if we incorpo-

Failing this, perhaps the Salt Spring Harbour Authority could set a precedent and ask for special funding from federal infrastructure funds normally reserved for munic-

Regardless, it is time now for the owners to begin discussions with the Trust to develop a plan that works for both the community and the protection of the marina.

Everyone benefits from a satisfactory solution: the marina owners, harbour residents, Trust and the community.

ALLEN S. CUNNINGHAM, Salt Spring

Deer update

Some weeks ago we wrote inviting people to a meeting where people would talk about deer problems on the island, look for common issues and approaches and then figure out solutions in those areas.

Well! We actually did it. We've had two meetings so far, attended by both hunters and non-hunters, and found many areas of concern to people in both groups.

For example, there are concerns with car-deer impacts, the behaviour of ignorant hunters and dog attacks.

Now we have to move on to develop ways we can act effectively in those areas.

Please come to our next meeting, Tuesday, March 26 at the CRD office boardroom, with your ideas on how we can do this!

If you'd like minutes of the two meetings we've already held, please contact me at 537-7277; email susanb@saltspring.com.

SUSAN BERLIN, Salt Spring Deer Management

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Saanich Hospital maternity services suit islanders

By JULES ATKINS

I am writing in support of continued maternity services at Saanich Peninsula Hospital

I am a midwife on Salt Spring Island, and I particularly value the maternity service at SPH because it suits the needs of those of my clients who are too high risk to deliver on Salt Spring, where there is no obstetric coverage, but not high risk enough to need a hospital like Victoria General Hospital (VGH).

A recent article from the Driftwood newspaper accurately portrayed the attitudes of childbearing families on Salt Spring towards both SPH and VGH. SPH provides a good, safe, friendly and supportive maternity service for low-risk women without turning their labour and birth into an unnecessarily institutionalized and medicalized experi-

While this "small is beautiful" service may appear to be a nicety, rather than a necessity, I suggest that there may be very significant economic advantages to government in keeping small, low-risk maternity services like SPH open. A comparison of costs associated with low-risk births at SPH with



similar births at VGH would undoubtedly show that births cost less at SPH, and that cost savings could be realized not only by keeping SPH maternity open, but more significantly by directing more low-risk women away from VGH and to SPH to give birth.

The reason births cost more at tertiary care centres like VGH is because of the necessarily highrisk orientation at these facilities, which tends to require more use of equipment, tests and personnel, even for low-risk healthy women, than is the case in smaller facilities like SPH. These tests and procedures do not necessarily increase the safety or quality of care given to mother or baby, and indeed from the consumer's point of view, may decrease the quality of care by contributing to a feeling of over-institutionalized or over-medicalized care.

(There are many who would argue that even safety may be compromised by what has been termed the obstetrical "cascade of intervention," which at times may compromise the health and wellbeing of both mother and baby.)

To cite one small example of why costs may be higher at VGH than SPH, let us consider the routine blood work done on all women on admission to VGH labour and delivery. The "caseroom routine" involves getting a lab tech to draw blood to test for blood group/type, cross match and hemoglobin values, having the blood analyzed in the lab, and having a report prepared and sent back to labour and delivery (all within a very short time-frame).

Blood group/type testing is done on all women during pregnancy, and clearly doesn't change over time. Hemoglobin values are generally done in early pregnancy and often again at 28 weeks, and sometimes much closer to delivery. But regardless of how recently blood tests, including hemoglobin, have been done, the case room routine must be done on admission to labour and delivery at VGH. (For one of my clients, a test done the day before, at VGH, was not considrecent enough.) Interestingly, a study done in December 2001 in the U.S.A. suggests that a considerable savings could be achieved by eliminating routine hemoglobin testing of pregnant women on admission

to labour and delivery units in U.S. hospitals. It would be interesting to calculate the savings that could be achieved by eliminating the case-room routine at VGH. It would be even more interesting to undertake a costbenefit analysis of the various tests and procedures done as a part of routine maternity care at VGH. But an exercise such as this would likely take longer to identify and achieve significant savings than simply redirecting low-risk maternity patients away from VGH and to SPH.

To make SPH a truly viable maternity centre (which it has not been recently due to the limited anesthesia coverage), additional anesthetists, and perhaps another obstetrician (or two) would have to be recruited (perhaps from VGH). This would enable SPH to once again offer a more complete range of low-risk maternity services, which would in turn enable maternity caregivers to use it for more of our patients than is currently the case. For example, we would be able to send women who have had previous C-sections to SPH.

If we consider the larger context of preventative health care, closing SPH maternity represents a significantly retrogressive step.

It forces all women in the Victoria area who want or need to give birth in hospital to do so in a tertiary-care facility which by its very nature (although not by intent) reinforces the message that labour and birth are risky, unpredictable events which require careful surveillance and expert assistance rather than normal, healthy family events for which women and families can and should take more responsibility. It encourages greater dependence on the health care system, rather than greater self-reliance and self-

On the political front, maternity care is a motherhood issue. Childbearing women and their families want and deserve more, not less, choice in terms of both caregivers and birth venues. They are a small, but vocal - and vital! - group. Their voices will be heard.

I sincerely hope that the government will carefully consider all of the factors involved in closing the maternity units of small hospitals like SPH, and that it will undertake a full cost-benefit analysis before making its deci-

The writer is a registered midwife on Salt Spring Island.

Real cost

It will probably come as no surprise, but our MP Gary Lunn opposes Canada's ratification of the Kyoto Accord, the international agreement that seeks to slow the pace of global warming.

Like George W. Bush, Gary believes that fulfilling our commitments will hurt our economy and cost too much: the tired old "we can have an economy or an environment, but not both" argument. But how much is global warming going to

BRIAN SMALLSHAW, Bay Ridge Place

Call bluff

We just received the February 28 edition of the Driftwood, complete with the lurid centre-page photo of the Incredible Hulk.

I am dismayed at how easily the owner has bamboozled some Springers into thinking he has a just cause. First he moves his ugly wreck into the harbour and then tries to railroad us into supporting him by threatening to shut his marina operation down to spite the rest of us.

The argument seems to be: The marina needs a breakwater. This is a breakwater; therefore it should be acceptable.

I'm not buying this piece of flawed logic. I can't believe that anyone would consider paying the Driftwood for advertising space to support this travesty, much less sign the peti-

More letters

Has anybody noticed that the person who stands to lose the most from a shutdown of the marina is the owner himself? It's time to call his bluff. The solution is obvious. The hulk has to go.

Just to drive the point home, I'd appreciate it if the Driftwood would publish the full list of businesses that support the continued presence of the hulk in Ganges Harbour so I can avoid doing business with

DOUG MacDONALD, Calgary and Salt Spring

Reconsider

I've seen no evidence that the provincial government is interested in fairness nor in justice for the aboriginal people of this province.

The key question of its proposed referendum retained in the new short list of questions — proposes aboriginal government be limited to a municipal model with powers delegated by the province and the federal government. This will only be seen as an insult by First Nations, whose governance needs extend well beyond such a model and which have been enshrined as an inherent right in the Constitution.

It shows the government is prepared to push its agenda forward even if it means increasing adversarial tensions between First Nations and the rest of B.C., as negotiation turns to litigation and land claims go dragging through the courts for years, regardless of costs.

I fear the costs will be great for all British Columbians and not just in dollars. Indeed, it has become increasingly clear that this government has no real concern for cutting costs nor for the well-being of communities nor the environment, but only for greasing the skids to transfer more wealth and power to those whom already possess

The Liberals' record shows they do not even believe in negotiating treaties, but are going to simply put on a show of it so that when they have thoroughly dismantled the treaty process they can point the finger of blame elsewhere. The government's recent elimination of funding to the Treaty and Regional Advisory Committees attests to this.

I urge Attorney General Geoff Plant and the government, even at this late date, to reconsider plans to call a referendum on treaty negotiations. If they insist on holding it, all fair-minded citizens of B.C. will have no real choice but to reject it

and not participate. PHILIP VERNON, Salt Spring

Top-notch

The Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee is a

volunteer committee that represents the interests of islanders to the B.C. Ferry Corporation and works with the corporation's staff on ways to make the service work better for islanders' changing needs.

There's lots of talk about ferry service reviews these days and we want to explain what the committee has been doing since coming together last October. Firstly we have taken the ideas and concerns of islanders expressed in a public meeting last June and worked on suggestions to the ferry corporation to improve service in the areas affecting islanders most.

The main concern was how tricky connections were between the mainland route and Fulford. We've since noticed a huge improvement in how transfers from the mainland route to the Fulford route take place. Often the Skeena Queen is held back to wait for the mainland ferry, which makes for smiles all round.

Credit for a lot of these small tweaks to service that produce a big benefit to passengers must go to Captain Trafford Taylor, marine superintendent for the Inter Islands South office and his staff. Thanks for listening!

We've recommended the corporation reduce the cutoff time for assured loading on to the mainland ferries for Salt Spring passengers, and also work with B.C. Transit and Translink to find ways to make it easier to travel on foot from Salt Spring to Victoria and Vancouver.

We've also stressed that the extra service provided to Long Harbour in the summer be extended as the space is well used. In general we've recommended the corporation find ways to increase inter-island traffic to support the economic development of the Gulf Islands as an interdependent

This brings us to the Wright Report and our response to it, which we sent to the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries in January. We believe that the general recommendations Mr. Wright makes about a sustainable ferry service are great and are probably ones most British that Columbians support.

Where we differ are in the details of how this objective should be achieved. When we look at the financial tables in the Wright Report we see clearly how Salt Spring routes are made to carry costs that don't rightly belong on the island. When these are sifted out we see that Salt Spring could easily have a sustainable ferry service to all three island terminals.

We think working with ferry staff and the community in a cooperative way and building on the strengths of our top-notch ferry service to reach the goal of sustainable service to Salt Spring is the way to go. That and live music.

LEE MIDDLETON, for the Salt Spring Ferry **Advisory Committee**



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Boundaries may change for GSX

A provincial parks department spokesman confirmed last week the Satellite Channel marine ecological reserve (ER) could see its boundaries changed as a result of the GSX natural gas pipeline.

But there's been no discussion about dissolving ER #67, said Chris Kissinger of the environmental stewardship division of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

He said a March 11 meeting at Dunsmuir Lodge called in numerous stakeholders to get as much data as possible for a Sidney company doing a study of pipeline routing options related to the ecological reserve.

GSX, a company of B.C. Hydro and Williams Inc. applying to the National Energy Board for approval to build the pipeline across Georgia Strait, is paying for the study, said Kissinger.

Besides the difficult terrain encountered if the pipeline is constructed outside of the reserve close to south Salt Spring Island, Kissinger said it appears the ecological impact could well be greater if that route

He said if the pipeline went through the reserve and a certain number of hectares were lost as a result, that the same amount of land would be

added onto the reserve elsewhere.

The Ecological Reserves Act allows for a change of boundaries, said Kissinger.

"It's the precedent that is probably the biggest issue," he said.

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is one of the groups opposed to the proposal.

"B.C.'s protected areas system is a valued fabric of our society and once established, their boundaries can only be amended for extraordinary public interest reasons," said Keith Symington of CPAWS. This has in no way been demonstrated in this instance."



SALT SPRING ISLAND Maps and Information Guide being created for the local Islanders as well as the tourist trade.

The guide will consist of over 20

detailed location maps of the entire Island for local residents to refer to, or as a tool for Emergency Services, guests at Accommodations and B&Bs, and realtors

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Commentaries by local people on where to shop, dine, browse, fish, hike, cycle or enjoy the arts are featured throughout. Tear-out coupons are included as invitations to enjoy Island businesses.

The proud history of Salt Spring Island is detailed with archival pictures and memories of Salt Spring, as well as a feature on the ambiance and charm of Fulford Harbour. The maps and local information will be revised on a yearly basis. The challenge of this endeavor has been received with much enthusiasm by all. It is a compilation of information available through Island sources.







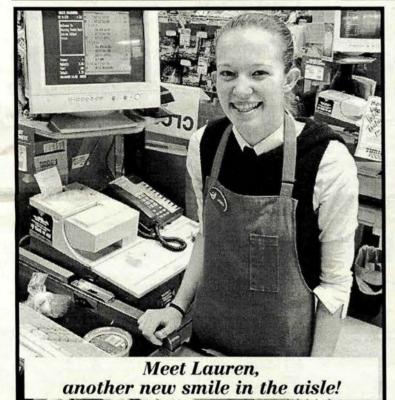
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WEEK'S MOVIES

★★ Miami Blues

(1990, Suspense) A detective has badge and ID stolen by young psychopathic thief.

Alec Baldwin, Jennifer Jason Leigh (2h)

② ③ ↑ ★ Home Alone 2: Lost in

New York (1992, Comedy) Kevin finds himself separated from his family in New York City at Christmastime. Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci (2h30)

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Two Ninas (1999,Comedy/Drama)
When two beautiful women fall for an unlucky guy, his life becomes more complicated. Amanda Peet, Ron Livingston (1h30) 8:00 PM

② 12 ★★ Sweeper (1995,Action) A secret police society in L.A. breaks the law in order to enforce it. C.Thomas Howell, Ed Lauter (2h)

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Undercover Angel (1999,Comedy/Drama) It was the love of a lifetime and it took a child to see it. Yasmine Bleeth, Loraine Ansell (2h)

(13) ★★ Instinct (1999, Drama) A

young psychiatrist tries to delve into the mind of a murderous anthropologist. Anthony Hopkins, Cuba Gooding Jr. (2h30

♠ ★★ Clara's Heart (1988, Drama) A housekeeper influences the life of a boy who is neglected by his parents. Whoopi Goldberg, Michael Ontkean (1h50)

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Kidnapped (1971, Drama) A
Scotsman is cheated out of his fortune and sent
to North America by his evil uncle. *Michael*

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20 (31) ★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992,Comedy) Kevin finds himself separated from his family in New York City at Christmastime. Macaulay Culkin, the Pacif (2h20). Joe Pesci (2h30)

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Coming Unglued (1997,Comedy)
Boy convinced that his parents are splitting up, tries his hardest to stop them. Judge Reinhold, Cody Jones (1h35)

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The Gift (2000, Thriller) A psychic

tries to solve the disappearance of a young woman in Georgia. Cate Blanchett, Greg Kinnear (2h)

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Dazed and Confused
(1993,Comedy) A sentimental film about all things that made it great to be young in the 70's.
Ben Affleck, Parker Posey (2h)

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The Dish (2000,Comedy/Drama) While Armstrong walked on the moon, Aussie technicians made sure the event was broadcast. Tom Long, Kevin Harrington (1h45) 8:00 PM

(12) * Trade Off (1995, Suspense) A man's lover suggests that they knock off each other's spouses. Theresa Russell, Adam

3 Cast Away (2000, Drama) An executive must transform himself to survive a crash landing on a desert island. Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt (2h30)

(1997,Sci-Fi) A group of likeable rogues steal the "Lexx", a powerful space craft & destructive weapon.

 ★★★ The Accidental Tourist (1988,Comedy) After a man's son dies, he is forced into a shell that can only be opened by

10:30 PM

Adventures of a Plumber's Mate (1978,Comedy/Drama) A plumber's job is complicated by thieves, spies and a bevy of beauties. Christopher Neil, Anna Quayle

 ★★ Dogma (1999,Comedy) Two fallen angels think they have found a loophole that will let them return to Heaven. Ben Affleck, Matt Damon (2h15)

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(1993, Adventure) Employee of research facility relives the same day over and over when caught in time warp. Johathan Silverman, Helen Slater (2h)

(1978, Drama) ★ The Swarm (1978, Drama) Scientist and military officers must contend with a swarm of killer bees. Michael Caine, Richard Widmark (3h)

9:00 PM An Everlasting Piece (2000, Comedy) Two men from Belfast, one catholic and one protestant, become partners in a wig business. Barry McEvoy, Anna

(1993, Drama) An advertising executive and his dog inadvertently trade places. Michael Riley, Leila Kenzle

(1993, Action) When a law student stumbles onto a conspiracy theory, her life is endangered. Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington (2h20)

9:30 PM ↑ ★★★ The Hot Spot (1990,Thriller) A drifter who settles in a small Texas town plans a heist of the local bank. Don Johnson, Virginia Madsen

10:45 PM Titus (1999, Drama) A Roman general sets off a long chain of revenge involving the emperor's wife. Anthony Hopkins, Alan Cumming (2h45)

11:20 PM (1991,Comedy) A rich Los Angeles play-boy falls in love with a gangster's mistress. Kim Basinger, Alec Baldwin (1h55) 11:55 PM

1 23 *** Le coureur de marathon (1976, Histoire policière) Accident d'auto a des répercussions inattendues. Dustin Hoffman, Lawrence Olivier (2h5)

SUNDAY, MAR 24

6:00 PM

** North to Alaska

(1960, Western) A prospector leaves for Seattle to bring back his partner's fiancee. John Wayne, Stewart Granger (2h15) 7:00 PM

(1936,Romance) An American tycoon and his wife tour Europe, where he re-evaluates his life. Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton

(1996,Sci-Fi) A group of people race against time to try to save the world from allen invaders. Will Smith, Bill Pullman (3h)

The Laramie Project

(2001, Drama) Based on the story of Matthew Sheppard, a gay college student mur-dered in Laramie Wyoming. Steve Buscemi, Laura Linney (2h) 8:00 PM

6 7 First Degree (1995,Suspense) A detective falls in love with a woman who is the prime suspect of a

murder. Rob Lowe, Leslie Hope (2h)

(3) (11) ** * Executive

Decision (1996, Action) A nerve gas bomb is on a hijacked 747 jumbo jet bound from Athens to Washington. Kurt Russel,

Steven Seagal (3h)

② (17) ★★ For the Boys
(1991,Musical) A comedy team's performances for U.S. troops span four decades.

Bette Midler, James Caan (2h30)

23 (12) *** Red Fury

(1984, Drama) An Indian boy struggles with racial hated in a turn of the century white community. William Jordan, Kathy

An innocent gunfighter is held responsible for the death of a family's son. John Wayne, Robert Mitchum (2h15)

9:00 PM Hannibal (2001, Thriller) Hannibal returns to America and attempts to make contact with Agent Starling. Julianne Moore, Anthony Hopkins (2h15)

At Deep Blue Sea

(1999,Horror) Disaster strikes when scientists experiment on sharks while looking to cure Alzheimer's. Saffron Burrows, Samuel L. Jackson (2h)

 ★★★ The Three Musketeers (1993, Adventure) The three Musketeers fight a corrupt Cardinal who wants the throne for himself. Tim Curry, Chris O'Donnell

10:45 PM ** * The Sons of Katie Elder (1965, Western) Four brothers return home for their mother's funeral and yow to avenge her death. John Wavne, Dean Martin

1970, Comédie) Homme essaie divers emplois fantaisistes Jean-Pierre Léaud,

Claude Jade (1h50)

11:00 PM ♠ ★★★ Kelly (1981, Drama) Young girl leaves life in big city behind to go live with her father in the wilderness. Robert Logan, Twyla-Dawn Vokings (1h35)

11:15 PM ★★★ Angela's Ashes (1999, Drama) Details an author's experiences growing up in an impoverished pre-war Irish slum. Emily Watson, Robert Carlyle GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD ▲ THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2002 ▲ PAGE 13

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Raddysh antics make way into children's hearts

By MYLENE
DAMMEL-SHERRIN
Special to the
Driftwood

A crowd of enthusiastic kids and parents were treated to a fun-filled show this weekend when Jim Raddysh kicked off ArtSpring's Spring Break activities.

The experienced children's entertainer kept the attention of even the youngest audience members as he sang his way through a collection of original songs as well as some old favourites.

Raddysh began with an upbeat tune which he told us was the opening song to his children's television show which aired for 10 years in Kamloops.

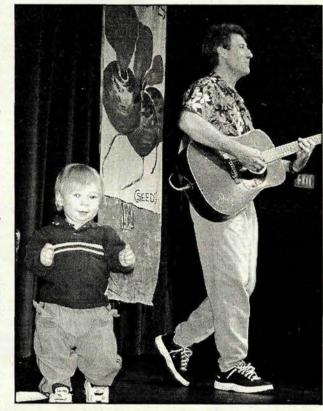
In the next song we were all on our feet laughing as Raddysh led us through a gumboot-dance section of a song with

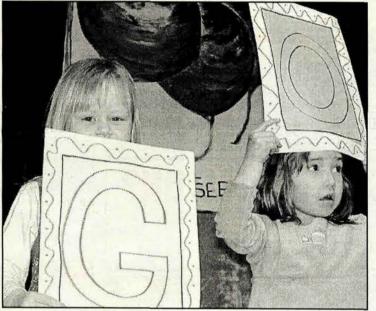
lyrics like "I took off my gumboot and my sock was gone."

By this point several very small audience members were starting to toddle onto the stage to share the spotlight.

Raddysh invited as may kids as possible to come onto the stage to help with the elbow-flapping actions of the song Three Little Ducks.

The show moved at a funfilled and fast





pace through a collection of engaging songs.

In one piece Raddysh sang of the exploits of Fearless Freddy, a stuffed toy frog, while young Evie Olynyk helped the frog with its actions.

During the piece called Raddysh Patch Rock, kids danced energetically on the floor in front of the stage.

Raddysh even made sure that parents were participating fully by assigning various actions to girls, boys, dads and moms to help with his song about what you see when you come to the Gulf Islands.

When the moms groaned at being assigned to be the crabs, Raddysh laughed and said, "Well I thought it might go over better than making you the whales."

Parents in the audience were moved by one quieter, slower song in which Raddysh sang of his love for his daughter.

Other touching moments were when kids were invited to come up on stage to sing solo.

Three-year-old Allysa Andress sang a beautiful rendition of Twinkle Twinkle in a sweet little

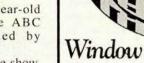
HAMMING IT UP: Salt Spring children's entertainer Jim Raddysh performs at ArtSpring with a little help from some young friends. The Saturday event kicked off a week-long series of kids' activities at the island arts centre.

Photos by Derrick Lund

voice and seven-year-old Olynyk sang the ABC song accompanied by Raddysh on guitar.

Before ending the show, Raddysh impressed us with some juggling tricks. Juggling a carrot, a cucumber and an onion, he quipped that he was actually "tossing his salad."

After the show, children and their parents were invited to go down to the ArtSpring gallery to enjoy some free juice while viewing the show of Salt Spring children's art currently on display.



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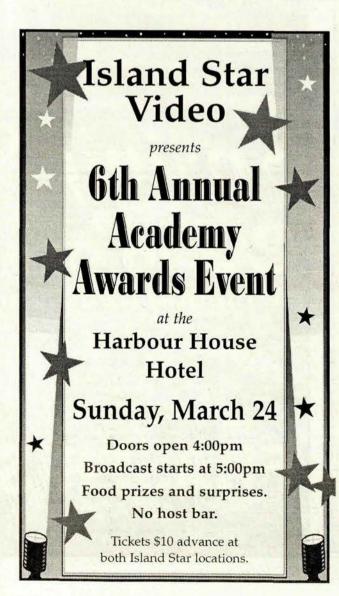
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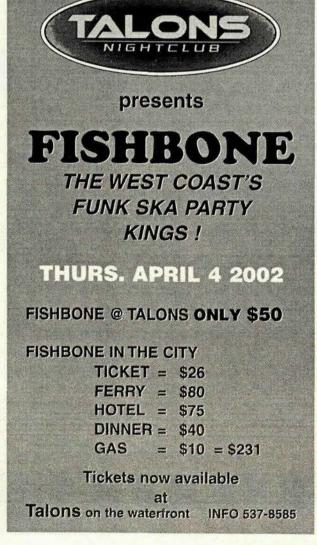
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Embarking on soul portrait journey

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

For artist Nikki Menard, a portrait is more than skin deep.

When Menard settles down to paint a subject, she transfers the vibrant energy of their soul into shape and colour on paper, bypassing the more obvious physical image.

A "soul portrait journey" is just one way Menard combines art, intuition and spiritual channelling.

People can learn more about soul portrait journeys at Menard's art exhibit and open house in her studio at 1510 Beddis Road — near the end of the road, past the beach access — this Saturday and Sunday from 1-6

Menard is a new Salt Spring resident eager to share her colourful skills and artwork, which include small and large pieces ranging from watercolour abstracts to symbol-rich prayer flags for individuals or groups, practical canvas floor cloths glowing in several layers of paint and wooden carvings.

Trained as an interior designer with a degree from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Menard can seemingly fuse any combination of colours for dazzling effects. Through painting on fabric she creates what she calls "sacred cloths" to wear, dance with or hang on walls or windows.

Menard started doing soul portrait journeys a few years ago after she and a friend met a man who used spiritual channelling to create music.

"My friend said, 'you could do it with paintings," she recalls.

Menard already saw her artwork as influenced by "other-worldly" elements, and was pleased with the results of painting the energy of her friends' souls.

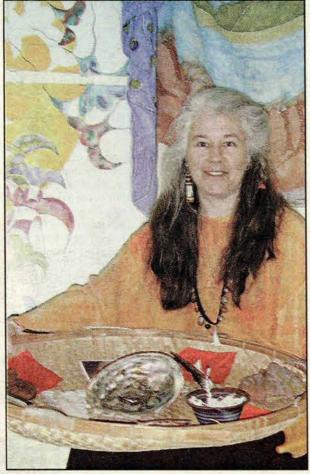
Since then she has created the luminescent watercolour pieces for all sorts of individuals — even famed spiritual teacher Eckhart Tolle — and for groups such as Orcas Island's Cultural Creative.

A soul portrait journey takes a couple of hours and, as the term the "journey" infers, it's a process requiring the subject's participation. In an easily flowing conversation, Menard asks the questions, but the clients determine the path.

Healing and resolution of "old issues" can occur quickly during that time, she says.

"One person suggested

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COLOURFUL SOUL: Spiritual healing artist Nikki Menard is holding an open house at 1510 Beddis Road this weekend.

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I do alchemy because I assist people to transform."

Menard most recently lived on Cortez Island, and spent years in Kelowna running her planning, design and construction company before that. In her first career she was a teacher of French immersion, French as a second language teacher and English.

About nine years ago she took a "spiritual intensive" course. Since then the doors of intuition and everyday magic have continued to open for her.

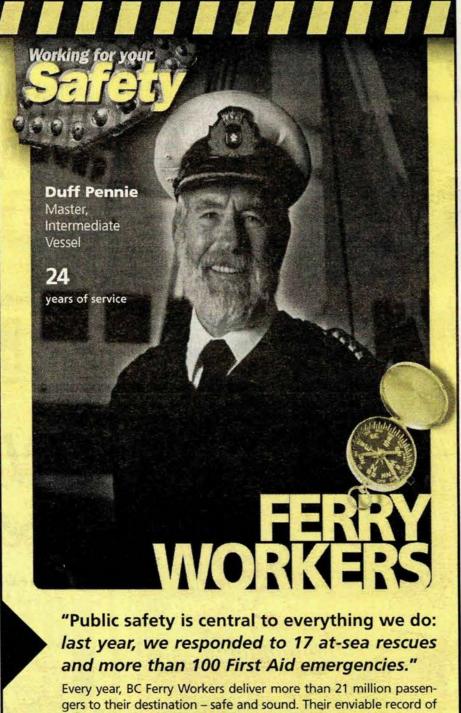
Menard offers workshops in creating sacred mandalas, and a creative dance/art combination.

She practises shamanic healing and wants to hold meditative "sacred circles" on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 and Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

People dropping into Menard's place this weekend will be warmly welcomed.

She can be reached at 537-2667 or through nikkimenard@hotmail.com. Her website is:

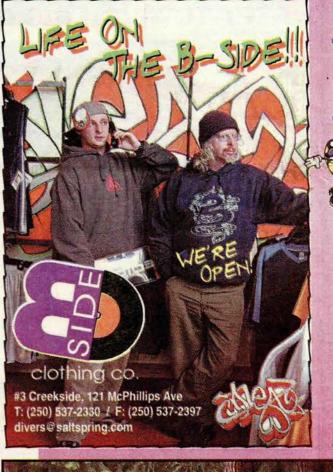
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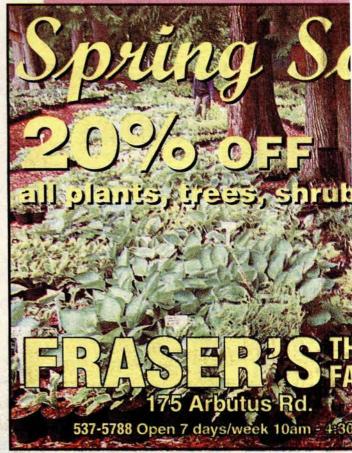


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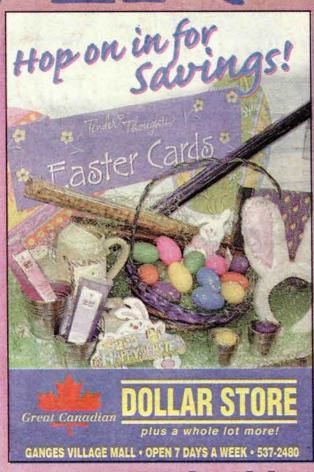
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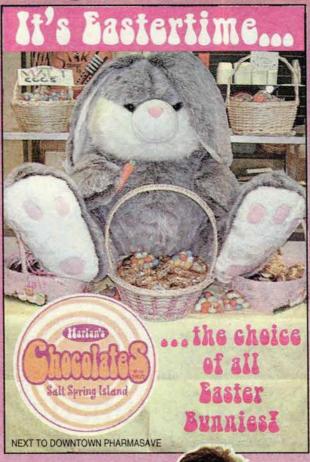


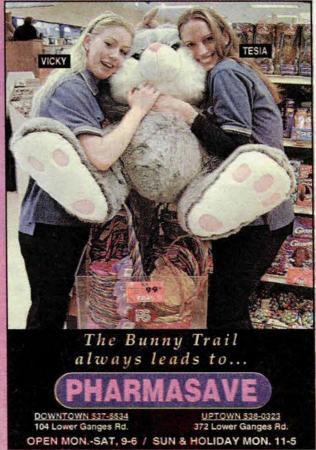




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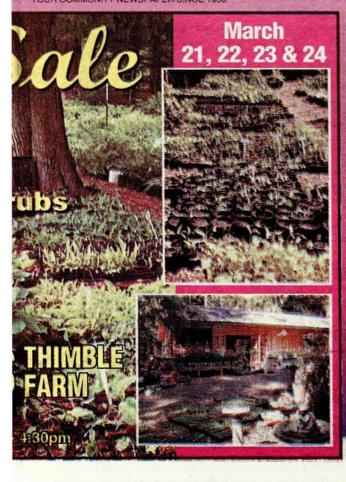
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UPBEAT ENERGY: Synergy band members, from gyrating good time at Mahon Hall Friday night. left, Bob Delion, Trish Faurot and Gord Ross pulled out all the stops for a toe-tapping, body- nized by Salt Spring Centre School.

Synergy kept up the beat for a family dance orga-

July fibre festival details fine-tuned

Salt's Spring's Natural Fibre Festival, scheduled for late July 2002, now has a name, a roster of volunteers and an invitation to extend to almost everyone on Salt

The festival is being called Tomorrow's Traditions: Fashion from Natural Fibre, and it aims to emulate the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival by involving all island businesses - no matter what their content - in supporting an on-going, nationallypromoted festival. In return, all businesses will benefit from the resulting tourism.

Fibre festival organizers note the Tulip Festival brings 250,000 visitors to the Skagit Valley each year.

Organizers would love to hear from people interested in forming teams for the Sheep to Shawl event or the even more exotic Back to Back (sheep to knit sweater) competitions, or in joining their volunteer group. Please phone the Gulf Islands Spinning Mill, 537-4342, for more information.

According to a press release, the idea behind the festival is to promote the qualities of breed-specific yarns, and those made from alpacas, llamas and Angora goats, to Canadian designers. Once they are aware of those unique qualities something all knitters once knew — it is hoped the designers will seek them out for their creations and protect the future of heritage breed flocks.

The festival begins on July 25 with the first two days filled with farm tours and workshops for people wanting to learn more about spinning with breed-specific fleeces and designing with breed-specific yarns. Entries to the fashion competition will also be on display at ArtSpring.

On Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28, most of the action takes place on the grounds of the Farmers Institute. Events will include a Sheep to Shawl contest, a concert of weavers and spinners songs, a fashion show and tea, an exhibit of fleece animals, the Canadian International Alpaca Fleece Show, a Back to Back competition, sheepdog demonstrations, lots of good food and sales of fleece-related

Graffiti seeking billet spots

Graffiti Theatre's Yvonne Adalian was overwhelmed by the Vancouver response to an auction call for the company's summer production of Wives The Merry Windsor.

According to a Graffiti press release, Adalian anticipated about a dozen calls, but received almost 100 responses from both professional and non-professional actors.

The Shakespeare enthusiasts "were well trained and presented brilliant mono logues," stated the release.

They auditioned for Adalian and Colleen Winton, who will direct the Shakespearean production set to run in August.

Encouraged by the success of its presentation of Moliere's The Imaginary Invalid last year at the ArtSpring festival, Graffiti is further exploring the world of classical theatre with this summer's play.

Because of the accommodations crunch on Salt Spring, Graffiti is asking islanders to consider billeting actors from mid-July through August 17, with complimentary tickets and "a wild party" being part of their reward.

Call Amanda Spottiswoode at 537-1283 for more information.

Meaden Hall dance benefits local legion, says organizer

Vancouver-based band Purple Gang performs classic rock and blues at Meaden Hall on Friday night.

Purple Gang's lead singer is Brett Hilton, who is also known as Hippy from the band House Party.

Doors open at 8 p.m., with all proceeds benefitting the local Legion.

"The Legion branch has supported many teams, organizations, the hospital and countless others," said dance organiz-er Launi Middleditch, "and I feel it's time to give back the support."

She added, "In my endeavours to host charity events in the past, the Legion and its members have always supported me wholeheartedly."

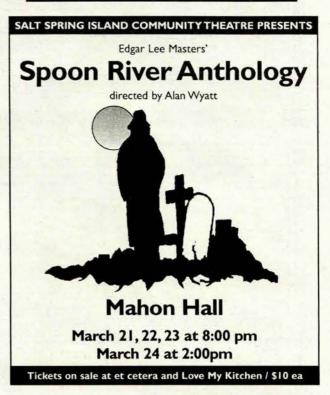
Middleditch says Purple Gang will "chase those winter blues away."

Tickets for the adults-only dance are \$10 and available in advance at the Legion bar.

Some tickets will also be sold at the door for the "last-minute folks."











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The Breaks (1999, Comedy) An Irish boy who thinks he's black faces a day in the hood when everything goes wrong. Loretta Devine, Mitch Mullany (1h30)

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(2) 12 ★ Mannequin 2: On the Move (1991, Comedy) A thousand year curse is broken when a worker causes a mannequin to live again. Kristy Swanson, William Ragsdale (2h) 8:30 PM

The Last Stop (1999, Thriller) A murder mystery unfolds as a group of strangers is snowbound inside a Colorado lodge. Adam Beach, Jurgen Prochnow (1h30)

9:00 PM Affair (1999, Crime Story) A billionaire, art thief finds himself attracted to a

Brosnan, Rene Russo (2h30) ⊕ ★★ Oscar (1991,Comedy) A mobster tries to go legitimate and get his daughter a husband in 1920's Chicago. Sylvester Stallone, Peter Riegert

beautiful insurance investigator. Pierce

10:00 PM ★★★ Moon Over Miami (1941, Musical) Three friends head to warm Miami Beach in hopes of finding millionaire husbands. Don Ameche, Betty Grable (1h45)

 Liberty Heights (1999, Drama) Jewish teenage brothers struggle with their values and desires to fit in during the 1950s. Adrien Brody, Ben Foster (2h30)

10:30 PM ♠ ★★ The Secret of My Success (1987, Comedy) A Kansas boy leaves his life for New York City hoping to achieve success. Michael J. Fox, Helen Slater (1h35)

> TUESDAY, MAR 26 6:00 PM

 ★★★ Backbeat (1993,Docu-Drama) Story of the man who deserted the Beatles for a career in art and the woman he loved. Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee (2h) 9:00 PM

(B) 13 Universal Soldier II: Brothers in Arms (1998,Action) Two people embark on a mission to expose a program that recycles dead soldiers. Matt Battaglia, Chandra West

Murder She Purred: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery (1998, Mystery) Cat and dog play detectives when a man is found dead in the lake. Ricki Lake, Linden Ashby (1h30)

10:00 PM

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(1938, Musical) A performer swiftly leaves her boyfriend for a chance at a Broadway show. Ralph Cooper, Lena

Horne (1h30)

Sweet November (2000,Romance) A tight-laced ad-exec falls for a beautiful but flighty young woman with a dark secret. *Charlize* Theron, Keanu Reeves (2h)

10:45 PM ★★★ Defending Your Life (1991, Comedy) Having died, an advertising executive must defend his life choices before going to Heaven. Albert Brooks, Meryl Streep (1h50)

> WEDNESDAY, MAR 27 6:00 PM

Because Why (1993, Drama) A wanderer returns to Montreal to find his best friend fleeing town and other surprises. Michael Riley, Doru Bandol (2h) 7:00 PM

Woman Wanted (1999, Drama) A rivalry grows between father and son after they hire a sensual woman as their maid. Kiefer Sutherland, Holly Hunter (1h45)

8:45 PM

Two Ninas (1999,Comedy/Drama) When two beautiful women fall for an unlucky guy, his life becomes more complicated. Amanda Peet, Ron Livingston (1h30)

9:00 PM (13) ★★★ Total Recall (1990,Sci-Fi) A man goes to Mars to fight power-hungry madman of the twentyfirst century. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sharon Stone (2h30)

♠ ★★ Hook (1991,Fantasy) Peter Pan's children are kidnapped by Hook and brought to Neverland. Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman (2h20)

② ★★★ All That Heaven Allows (1955, Drama) A widow enters into a relationship with a younger man but is pressured to end it. Rock Hudson, Jane Wyman (2h)

10:00 PM Jerusalem (1996, Religious) A group of pilgrims abandon their native Sweden to emigrate to Palestine. (3h)

10:15 PM Scream 3 (1999, Horror) A murder spree erupts amongst the survivors of the original attack. Neve Campbell, David Arquette (2h)

11:20 PM ★★ Ghost Dad (1990,Comedy) A father, killed in an accident, must see that his children are provided for financially. Bill Cosby, Barry Corbin (1h35)

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Badminton Masters collect medals

Salt Spring badminton players brought home a generous collection of medals from the B.C. Masters Championships earlier this month.

Jean Albert won silver in ladies singles while Brad Paul won silver in men's singles and gold in mixed doubles at the Port Alberni tourney.

"There was some great badminton," Albert said.

About 90 players attended the March 8-10 event. Competitors travelled from Seattle, Calgary and all over B.C. along with the Salt Spring contingent: Brad Paul, Jean Albert and her husband Carl.

The calibre of play was particularly high among the age 35-39 men's masters division and Jean Albert celebrated Paul's silver medal perfor-

"He's a really good player." Paul was joined by Cheryl Thomas of Victoria for the mixed doubles gold medal win.

Next weekend the Alberts plan to attend another tournament in Kelowna hosted in honour of Henry Paynter, who at 95 is the oldest competitive badminton player in the world.

Paul, Jean and Carl Albert all play recreationally with the Salt Spring Badminton

The island club meets Sundays and Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Drop-ins of all ability levels are welcome, she said.

"Players only need to bring a racket and clean shoes."

The club also hosts a juniors program that includes instruction for children aged 9-16 at Fernwood School starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.



STYLE: Brett skateboards on the rail at Salt Spring's skate park.

FC slams Victoria Socialists

Salt Spring Football Club (FC) marches on to the Challenge Cup semi-finals after a convincing 4-1 victory over Victoria's Socialist United in a bruising encounter at Haywood Park Sunday.

Top-ranked in Division 3, FC members played with their usual flair and attacking style to survive a potential banana-skin slip from the fledgling Division 5 champions.

Salt Spring made a good start and scored after only five minutes when Kevin Luke fired a 20-yard shot to deflect off a defender into the Victoria net.

Several spurned chances and creative plays were rewarded by a second goal in the 25th minute after Mark Nordine and Rhys Beasley built up good pressure to send a pass to Jesse Fisher, who found room in the penalty area to coolly stroke the ball home.

The islanders soon took a 3-0 lead when counterattacking FC defenders forced Victoria back and Tom McColm found space to crack a fierce low shot into the corner of the net.

The Division 5 team gave a dismissive performance and only threatened solid FC defence on set plays.

The Socialists picked up their lone goal just before half-time when a Victoria player flicked home a corner kick past keeper Jono McDonald.

After 55 minutes, the game was put out of the Socialists' reach when Nordine fired a deep cross to Beasley, who headed the ball against the post for Jude Shugar to tap in at close range.

As chances of a win began to slip away from the Socialists, their tempers rose and the game became physical with persistent offthe-ball fouls and unsporting play.

FC had to play with only 10 men in the last 20 minutes after Corbin Scott was red-carded in a question-

But Salt Spring kept cool heads to stifle the Socialists' offence and they created more chances of their own, though they didn't add to their four goals.

With Sunday's win FC goes on to the semi-final match scheduled in two weeks at Portlock Park.







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Slugs squished in 8-7 match

The Mill Bay Saints gave the Slugs an 8-7 spanking in hockey action Saturday.

"They got us this time," co-captain Pat Akerman.

"We outshot them badly but their goalie stood on his head."

Goalie Derek Topping, co-captain Blaine Johnson and forward Joe Akerman were absent from the Slug roster Saturday.

"Blaine was still in Mexico trying to make it through the second cut of the Mexican women's floor hockey team," Pat Akerman said.

In lieu of the regular Slugs goalie, Topping arranged for a Duncan RCMP officer to fill the

"He couldn't stop any-

thing and misjudged the puck without his radar Pat Akerman laughed.

Topping noted the Slugs beat the Saints 6-1 in their last match-up.

"Maybe the goaltending is a little more important than they thought," he added wryly.

The Slugs started strong and came out of the first period 4-2.

'Then the Saints decided to shoot," Pat Akerman

But the Slugs registered their share of goals as well.

Pat Akerman, Doug Swoboda and Paul Reynolds each scored while Bob Akerman and Marc Burroni each scored

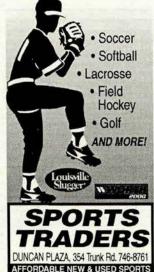
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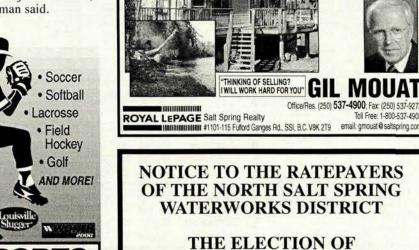
off a defenceman to put the puck in his own net, Pat Akerman added.

The Slugs have only one more game before the Easter tournament in Parksville.

Johnson has found two players from Port Alberni to replace injured forwards Todd McIntyre and Scott Wood just in time for the trade deadline.

"Blaine has assured the team the two pick-ups will stay out of jail this time," Pat Akerman said.





Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in April 2002, two trustees are to be elected. One to serve for a term of three years and the other for a term of one year. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, March 28, 2002.

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Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Trevor Hutton General Manager

Scores close in bridge games

In Gulf Islands bridge club play on March 4, Jim Burford and Bill Buckler were first, Isabelle Richardson and Joan Conlan came second, and Florence and George Laundry were third.

BRIDGE TRICKS

On March 11, results were pretty close.

Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt were half a point of Isabelle ahead Richardson and Joan Conlan, and Jill Evans and Tony Luton were only one point behind them.

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http://www.tc.gc.ca/tdg.clearlanguage.htm

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SERIOUS ABOUT SOCCER: In a photo taken by parent Karen Hosie, three mini league players —from left Sierra Lundy, Kirstie Girard and Kate Hosie — battle the elements at a tournament in Victoria Saturday.

Soccer players battle blizzard

playing the first match in

their traditional blue uni-

forms, the girls donned heavy coats and became "the

jackets" team, often using

their hands to protect their

faces from the sting of the

The girls held their own

conditions

against the mostly-older

cleared for the 2 and 5 p.m.

games, although a brisk, cold wind kept spectators

huddled in thick coats and

Again the younger girls

team, losing 2-1.

25.Terry Striger

Weather

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blizzard-like conditions. Rather than playing in

Salt Spring Slammers' U11 girls tournament may have been cancelled due to snow Saturday morning, but at least two island soccer teams battled icy elements at an off-island event that day

The U11 girls' game was cancelled as the team waited in the ferry line-up just before 8 a.m. Saturday.

But seven of Janet Stepaniuk's U10 mini girls team, and 13 U10 boys coached by Doug Pearson still made the trek to Hampton Park in Victoria where their Gorge tournament proceeded. A U11 boys team from Salt Spring attended later in the day.

The U10 girls, bolstered by two U9 players and two U11 Slammers, took on three U11 Gorge teams,

Chapman takes tourney

Tournament, held the third Sunday every month, saw 25 competitors vie for St. Patrick's luck at Mouat Park

impressive birthday perfor-Division with a 22 under par

ond in the Masters (93)

Visiting from Montana, Carter Allen won the Advanced Division with a 19 under par (89). Seth Burton placed second (94) and tournament director against Rusty Collins for after they tied at 97.

came second with a 112. McBride also won the Closest-To-Pin event.

won the Women's division and Shelley Mahoney (123)

Allen and Eric Donnelly both aced pin #12 while Paul Linton aced #4 to divide a \$50 acepot.

Salt Spring's new ultimate flying disc team met for its first practice Sunday. Ten athletes came out to

toss Frisbees and play scrimmage games to prepare for the upcoming Udder Bowl ultimate tournament in Nanaimo April 6-7.

Team organizers Laura Moore and Mitchell Sherrin were both impressed by the high calibre of play at Sunday's practice.

"We might actually win a game," Sherrin said.

Nanaimo's Macho Cows

will host 26 top-rated co-ed ultimate teams from all over B.C., Alberta, Washington

Ultimate team takes off

and Oregon for the Udder Bowl tourney.

Salt Spring players plan to attend the tourney for fun and the opportunity to see the some of the world's best players in action, Sherrin said.

"The finals will show an awesome level of play. Over the last few years, Vancouver and Seattle have fielded the winning teams from the world championships."

Salt Spring's team is still

looking for players (especially women) who can attend the upcoming tourney.

Previous ultimate experience is not required, although speedy legs and a field sports background is helpful, Sherrin said.

The island ultimate team meets at the Hydro field (beside Salt Spring Elementary School) Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

For more information, call Laura (538-0368) or Mitchell (537-4536).



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Dean Crouse won a play-off third place in Advanced

In the Amateurs Division, Mike O'Toole won with a 109 while Willy McBride

Tanya Van Ginkel (115) placed second.

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kept the pressure on their

older opponents, but failed

Mini program coordinator

Dick Davidson said the U10

boys, who played against

U10 opponents, tied all three

of their games, including the

Only seven U11 boys

turned out for their team's

two games, and were

noted that while a Nanaimo

team cancelled its participa-

tion in the Gorge tournament

due to the snow, a Campbell

River team was successful in

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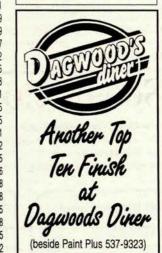
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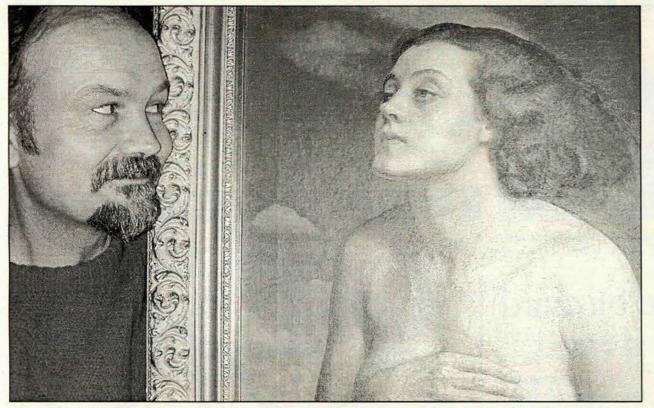


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Mahon Hall Saturday as antique appraiser Al Bowen estimated the value of his painting at \$50,000. The artwork is called "The Maiden" by Laura Knight.

WORK OF ART: Kevin Wilkie struck gold at The appraisal was part of an annual fundraiser staged by the local branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Chess players vie for supremacy

Salt Spring Chess Club members have been swapping tournament wins as easas gambit pawn exchanges in their last three events

Bruce Smith's feisty openings and daring strategies picked up five wins and a tie (in six one-hour games) to take the February Active tournament without a loss.

Smith's February 16 win netted a 1785 ranking with Canadian Chess Federation.

Conrad Koke (1679)

CHESS

placed second with three wins while Mitchell Sherrin (1565) placed third with two wins.

But February's musicallyinclined chess victor was routed with six defeats in the following March Active

Trading reckless attacks for calculated development, Sherrin scored a major higher-ranked players to pick up a win in the March 16 tourney with five victo-

Coughing up a two pawn lead in a tight end-game struggle against Sherrin in the final match, Ted Baldwinson (1681) placed second with four wins while Koke placed third with three

A third tournament in February with 10-minute Blitz games (five minutes per player) offered a win to

upset when he unseated four mental gymnast Koke who grabbed five victories and a tie in the speed game event.

In the Blitz tourney, Sherrin took second place with 4.5 wins, Baldwinson placed third with four wins.

The Salt Spring Chess Club meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Salt Spring Seniors and 12:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Core Inn.

Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. (Children are recommended to attend Saturdays.)

Jason takes podium at garden meeting

Local author, agriculturist he moved to B.C., and in the and food self-sufficiency advocate Dan Jason will speak to the Salt Spring Island Garden Club on

Wednesday, March 27. Jason discovered gardening after moving to Salt Spring Island in 1976. A city boy from Montreal and a McGill graduate, he says he eventually became the gardener at Salt Spring Centre "because I lived across the

His captivation with the great outdoors began when early '70s he published his first book, a bestseller on wild plants. He has since authored 11 books dealing with "practical matters" about food - such as the cultivation, health benefits and culinary uses of garlic, but all promoting the underlying theme of sustainability and community empowerment. Salt Spring Seeds, Jason's heritage seed company, evolved from his early research into food crops that can be grown here. He is active in the international effort to preserve genetic

diversity. Wednesday's meeting topic is food sustainability on Salt Spring Island, focusing on substantial food crops that could be grown here in a more serious way. He believes these foods are

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capable of providing a large part of our diet, as well as being easy to grow and beautiful in the garden.

Jason's latest publication, The Whole Organic Food Book, will be available at the meeting which begins at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall. Cost for non-members is \$5.



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Mary Hawkins Memorial Library is having its annual general meeting today, March 21, in the United Church hall at

In addition to the annual election of new board members and the usual financial and other reports, this year's AGM will feature the report and recommendations of the library's long-term planning committee.

The committee's report looks at how the present facility will meet community needs for the next decade, primarily in terms of space.

Everyone is welcome to the once-a-year event.



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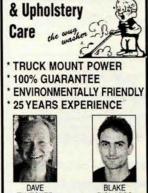


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Wiccan workshop set for early April

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As Aylwin Catchpole of Spring explains, "Reclaiming is a style of Wicca that focuses on integrating the personal and political; and healing ourselves, each other, and the planet."

The first weekend, held in January, was well attended, despite the snow. The second presentation, Working With Faery Allies, will be held Friday through Sunday, April 5 to 7, at Beaver Point Hall.

Catchpole says their teacher, Sage, lives in Vancouver and travels all over North America giving Wiccan workshops

Sage describes the work-

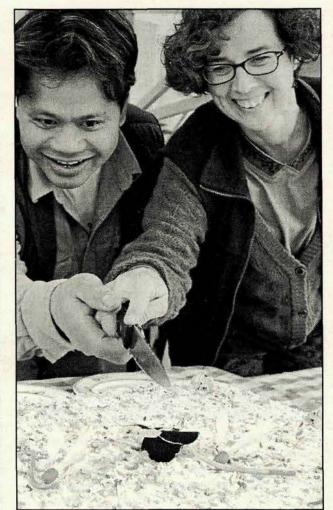
"We will work with the goddess Danu, who is mother to both human and faery races. We will call on the power and wisdom of the guardians of the elements who stand at the portals between this and other realms. Grounded in our physical bodies, we deepen the journeying through our inner landscape, as well as world, the green world, where the journey to faery begins. We will open our attentiveness to the detail of the present moment and to the presence of other beings. Relying on our intuitive wisdom, the guidance of Danu and the guardians, we will seek faery allies and learn to work with them to support our own healing and growth and the healing of the earth."

Each workshop costs \$170 to \$260, (\$130 to \$200 U.S.) on a sliding scale, and includes meals.

Registration deadline for Working with Faery Allies is Friday, March 22. Any enquiries after that date will be attended to on a firstcome, first-serve basis. Catchpole says the workshop is filling up fast.

"It's rare to find workshops at this level anywhere else in North America, so this is a unique opportunity," she says. "You do need some background in the Reclaiming tradition to attend."

For more information or to register, get in touch with Catchpole, 537-8797, or by email, aylwin@uniserve.com.



GARDEN CAKE: Peter Oro, landscape contractor, and Deborah LeFrank, architect, share cake-cutting duties at Greenwoods as the care facility celebrated the opening of its new therapeutic garden last Thursday.

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Grade 12

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GIFTS program provides student employment

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

A group of young adults has been gaining valuable work and recreation skills through an innovative employment experience program provided by the Gulf Islands Families Together Society (GIFTS).

"It meets the needs of young adults who still need support to be integrated into society," said GIFTS co-chair Louise Doucet.

The employment program is one facet of services provided by the family-run advocacy agency for young adults with developmental disabilities

Like other work experience programs, the GIFTS Transitions Program provides students with the means to manifest their employment dreams into reality.

But in the GIFTS program, students are aided in meeting their aspirations by assistants who break down tasks into component parts and offer one-to-one support as needed.

Work experience sessions are not planned for fixed periods but function according to the individual needs of trainees.

"They tend to be longterm and more intensive," said Doucet.

"With people who have special needs you can't put a goal structure on work experience. Some might not, in fact, be able to pursue that job.'

Students can opt to participate in one, a few or several different placements concurrently. And some students are assisted to pursue self-employment choic-

The program began last September with a planning session designed to help facilitators determine how to provide support for the six students involved.

"All players are at the table.

Parents and assistants prefer to think of the young adults as the employers in GIFTS program, Doucet said.

"They're the ones who determine the long-term goals that we try to follow.

But developing plans with young adults who have special needs is challenging, particularly since they are vulnerable to having decisions made for them, she said.

"It's important to determine whose ideas are whose when supporting someone with disabilities

... That means allowing goals to change; even if you've worked hard to make something happen,"

Describing work experience from the student's point of view, she said: "You might have dreams and aspirations but reality

doesn't always meet your expectations. Currently, students from GIFTS are pumping gas at Petro Canada, dusting at Fables Cottage, bathing dogs at Clip & Dip, stocking shelves at Salt Spring Auto Parts, leading recreation activities Greenwoods and cleaning sidewalks outside the Salt Spring Roasting Company.

Doucet's daughter, Claire Motherwell, has been decorating bags at Ruphi Art Factory and developing her own art on a web site.

One young man has started his own kindling business and another has created a sandwich delivery service in conjunction with Barb's Buns

Some students are also assisted with recreation activities such as painting, fitness and disc golf.

Parents volunteer significant amounts of labour and the business community has been very supportive, Doucet said.

Funding is provided by a network of partners. School District 64, the Vancouver Foundation, and the Ministry of Children and Families have all assisted financially, she said.

While Doucet is concerned about the security of ongoing funding in the recent spate of government cutbacks, a ministry spokesperson has told her to remain "cautiously optimistic," she said.

"They can see it's a very successful program and though both groups are facing huge crunches, they realize most money goes directly toward the clients."

Since GIFTS provides support for housing, employment and recreation, the local group has even been asked to visit other communities to describe its successful program.

And that success can be measured by more than skills and work experience, she said.

"There's a connection that happens along the

Student employees, coworkers and members of the community develop interactions that benefit everyone involved, she said.

'Claire was the recipient of Christmas gifts from people I haven't even met . It's obvious she's had an

impact on them." Positive interactions within the community are one of the key goals of the program, Doucet said.

And work experience can be a vehicle to create those meaningful connections.



HIP SOUND: Will MacPherson teaches young Jake Beauvais how to do a hip hop rap song at ArtSpring Sunday night. MacPherson performed to a small crowd at the theatre as part of week-long child-focussed events at ArtSpring.

Trust Council sets Salt Spring agenda

When Islands Trust Council meets on Salt Spring from March 25-27, its budget discussions will include a proposal for a modest tax increase in the coming year.

Council chair David Essig said the Trust finance committee has been looking at two budget scenarios - one for no increase and another involving a 1.5 per cent

The Trust is also breathing easier since learning the provincial government has maintained the annual \$352,000 grant it contributes to the Trust.

With Islands Trust operations subject to the Core

Services Review, continuation of the grant was not considered a sure thing.

Trustees from all 13 Trust islands will meet at ArtSpring on the afternoon of Monday, March 25 for a budget workshop; a new governance proposal the next day from 10 a.m. to noon; and with a town hall session set for 1:30-2:30

That's when members of the public can raise any issue with trustees in an informal discussion format. The budget workshop then resumes for the rest of the

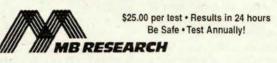
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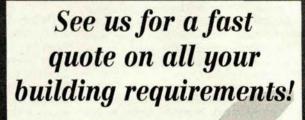
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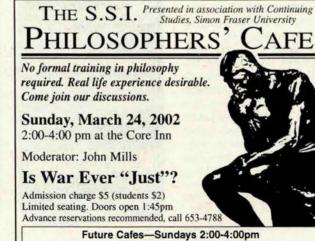


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Restorative justice described as alternative to court

By LESLIE MCBAIN Staff Writer

After some delays and a comprehensive training process of some community members, the restorative justice model of dealing with criminal offenders on Pender Island is in place.

On the recommendation of the RCMP an offender may be referred to the Pender Island Community Accountability Program (Pender CAP) to face the consequences of the crime committed, promptly, rather than going through a lengthy court process.

The restorative justice

process, which has been used for centuries in countries and cultures worldwide, is based on reparations, healing and forgiveness. Acknowledging the pain and suffering of the victim of the crime is central to this process.

The conventional criminal justice process in Canada is retributive, based upon assigning blame and punishment.

The rate of the perpetrators re-offending in the retributive model is high, the cost of court and incarceration is high, and prisons have proven inefficient at rehabilitating offenders.

Increasingly the financial burden on the court system of prosecuting offenders for minor crimes is prohibitive. The cost of the Pender CAP, borrowed from a similar program on Salt Spring, is very low.

The Pender CAP process might look something like this: an offender is apprehended by the RCMP who then determine whether to offer the offender the alternative provided by Pender

If the offender agrees, Pender CAP will facilitate a meeting between the

offender and the victim, if willing, and all parties would work to agree on reparations and/or community service. Pender CAP would follow up to see that agreements are kept.

The restorative justice model which is supported and promoted by the Solicitor General is being applied to some degree in every province and territory in Canada.

It is designed to fit the needs of individual communities and may even help communities address social factors that cause crime.

On Pender Island, the

restorative justice team leaders are program director Carol Stewart; Yvonne MacKenzie, program coordinator; and Bruce Bryant-Scott, advisory committee

Other community members have been trained in the process at a series of workshops and are ready to facilitate conferences.

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Pender tastes Italian meal

By PAMELA BROOKS Staff Writer

The community gathered to share a genuine Italian dinner on Saturday, March 2 on their behalf.

Between 200 and 225 meals were served to laughing, chatting, friendly Penderites.

Dorothy Biagioni was chief cook of penne with choice sauces, garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverages. Her cousin made one of the sauces. Students "really hustled to get hot pasta to the people
— they were running," said Dorothy.

Plenty of parents were involved in all aspects of the fun fundraiser. It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by many.

Penders Anglican Church Women were very busy with their annual convention on March 11 and 12. About 60 women will attended meetings and greeted each other at splendid meals. Bishop Barry Jenks from Victoria also attended.

Brian Duffy, the butcher at Tru Value, and his wife Gina are the proud parents of their second child . Gianna - born March 1 in Victoria. Little brother Stephen is three years old. Good love and good wishes to the growing family.

Mae Moore's new album It's A Funny World was recently completed in Los Angeles with the Paras Group. Mae said the new

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Young Shannon Smith flew to Japan to see her brother Jamie. Aunt Bonnie (Patrick's sister) accompanied her. Jamie is teaching English while studying karate in Fujeida, south of Tokyo.

We are saddened at the loss of our lovable eccentric Lois Flannigan. I once asked her, "What are the redeeming characteris-tics of aging?" Thoughtful silence. "You can get out things," Lois announced.

Twenty Pender School

students were treated to live theatre at the Belfry in Victoria this month. Greg Rowland provided tickets for our young people to see The Shape of a Girl by Joan MacLeod.

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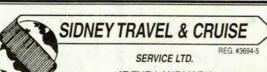
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FRANK BANNON passed away on March 12 in Gig Harbor, WA. He was born in Seattle on January 29, 1914. Served in W.W.II as a B-17 gunner with the US Army Airforce in England. After retiring from Boeing after 35 years he and his wife Vivian moved to Salt Spring Island in 1980 where he was active in the Salt Spring Sailing Club and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. His primary reason for moving there was his love of cruising the numerous bays and islands of the area and the races he frequently entered. He is survived by a brother, 3 sons, 4 stepchildren and numerous grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the New Tacoma Cemetery in Tacoma WA. on March 23 at



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Rudy Caspar March 23,



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Your daughter, Gabriele, Gord; Grandchildren Collin, Kevin, Mike and your sweet Hayley.

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March 24th, 10:00 am Palm Sunday Service

March 28th, 6:30 pm <u>Maundy Thursday</u> <u>Service</u>

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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32 MEETINGS

SCOTT POINT Waterworks District Annual General Meeting will be held in the Pavilion of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club at 241 Scott Point Drive on Saturday, April 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.



SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE:

Thursday, March 28, 2002 1:15 p.m.

TIME: PLACE:

Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Ave. Ganges

Starting at 1:15 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

34 NOTICES

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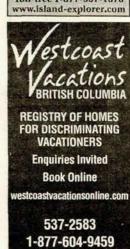
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Minister comments on report

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

The Wright Report, responses from stakeholder groups and further independent studies will all be considered in a thorough inquiry of B.C. Ferries during the Core Review process, says Minister of Transportation Judith Reid.

"We are looking for the best ways to provide for the public good," Reid said in a Driftwood interview Friday.

Responding to ferry advisory group claims that the Wright Report was biased toward privatization, she said, "I know Mr. Wright received over 200 submissions from different stakeholders, citizens and organizations."

However, she indicated the report was conducted independently and that Wright made his own choices on how to present material.

"It was an interesting report and it offers a good opportunity for further discussion."

While Reid did not seem eager to embrace Wright's recommendations for privatization, she was reluctant to consider Islands Trust and advisory group arguments that ferries are infrastructure responsibilities equivalent to B.C. Transit, Translink and provincial high-

"It's not easy to draw those

parallels. They are systems that are in flux.

Each transportation system has a unique history and financing structure with accompanying decisions that can be very political, she said.

"Obviously the government has invested heavily in the ferries," said Reid.

She noted the province has reassumed a \$1.1-billion debt B.C. Ferries incurred through infrastructure costs over the past 10 years.

"The government has well supported the ferry system over the past and we intend to continue to do so.'

Within the Core Review process, a task force will be asking general questions to "define the public good" and "determine the role of government with respect to B.C. Ferries," she said.

"Defining the public good is a very interesting and thoughtprovoking question," she said.

"We recognize ferry service is absolutely integral within the province.'

She said the provincial government recognizes that B.C. Ferries is a "volatile system" and wants to strengthen the service to boost users' confidence.

"We need a service that is dependable, predictable and affordable."

But before the government implements changes to improve ferry service, they will need to define the problems, Reid said.

"Vessels have to be replaced and they are very costly," (\$1.1 billion to replace 18 vessels over the next 15 years, according to Wright).

The role of government in relationship to the Crown corporation is another significant issue, added Reid.

"Government's relationship with B.C. Ferries has been more of a problem than part of a solution," she said.

Reid believes it will be important to define who will be responsible for decisions in the future. "The current structure of governance does not work well," she said.

But she was not prepared to say how the B.C. Liberals will answer these problems.

"B.C. Ferries is undergoing the Core Review process . . . it will be some time before we come out of it," Reid said.

Throughout the Core Review, she said, task force team members will attempt to explore all the problems, investigate options and remain sensitive to significant issues.

"We are trying to be thoughtful in our efforts to find

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the recent 90th birthday party of long-time Salt Spring resident Louise

Good afternoon family and friends. We, the Foulis family, would like to welcome you all and thank you for helping us celebrate Mother's 90th birthday. Before we toast Mother I would like to briefly tell you a little of her history on Salt Spring Island.

Uncle Harvey bought his farm on North Beach Road in 1950. Having fallen in love with the island he soon talked Nana and Mom and Dad into buying property as well. Nana and Mom bought their properties in 1952 and moved over to live on Salt Spring permanently in 1963. After 50 years, she can now be called an islander.

Not only was it a culture shock moving from Vancouver to Salt Spring, having not worked for 20 years, with Dad sick, Mom had to work. In the beginning, she worked three jobs: Harbour House, Dr. Jantze's office and B.C. Telephone. A dollar an hour doesn't go too far with three young children.

She then started the coffee shop and dining room at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

She next bought 15 acres on North Beach Road and started a small resort with two small and two large homes for rent. Today it is known as the Salty Springs Resort.

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Having recovered from a slight stroke two years ago, she is fit as a fiddle and still going strong. Mother enjoys bridge and mah-jong once a week with her many friends and still competes in bridge tournaments. She is an active member of Miriam Temple, Daughters of the Nile, secretary of Madrona Club and in the I.O.D.E.

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